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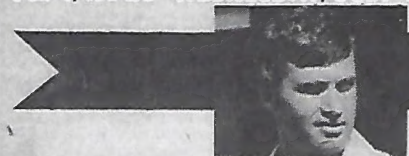
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IT'S COACH No. 54

**Xipolitas replaces Joe
Marston at Olympic**



Joe Marston

Sydney Olympic made the 54th. Philips League coaching change since the PSL started in 1977 when it replaced Joe Marston with John Xipolitas at the weekend.

Xipolitas, who played for Olympic when it was called Pan Hellenic, is the former coach of NSW State League club Marrickville Olympic.

Xipolitas said: "I am not a magician and I can't work miracles overnight, but I will try very hard to guide Sydney Olympic up the ladder."

He is Olympic's sixth coach since the league started. The others have been: Bruce Stowell, Kaz Kulak, Tom Anderson, George Gibson and Marston.

Brisbane Lions and Heidelberg United are the only other clubs to have made six coaching appointments since the start

of the league.

Marston, the latest casualty in this cut-throat profession, is a former captain and coach of the national team.

He represented Australia 35 times and coached the Socceroos in a 1-1 draw with AS Roma in 1966.

The full list of coaches since the PSL began in 1977 is:

WESTERN SUBURBS: Mike Laing
MOOROOLBARK: Brian Edgley
SYDNEY CITY: Gerry Child
NEWCASTLE KB UTD: Alan Vest
FOOTSCRAY JUST: Cedo Cirko-
vic, Bobby McLachlan
MARCONI: Rale Rasic, Les Scheinflug
CANBERRA: Johnny Warren, Vic Fernandez
APIA: Bruce Stowell, Jim Adam, Ray Richards
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SOUTH MELBOURNE: Manny Poulakakis, Con Xanthopoulos, Dave MacLaren, Duncan McKay, John Margaritis
BRISBANE CITY: Nereo Seflich, Iain Kesson, Luciano Nesti, Denis Ford, Nereo Seflich
WEST ADELAIDE: Mike Johnson, Billy Birch, John Margaritis, Jim Adam, Tom Forde
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Bruce Stowell, Kaz Kulak, Tom Anderson, George Gibson, Joe Marston, John Xipolitas
BRISBANE LIONS: Les Scheinflug, Julius Vincze, Brian Daykin, Julius Vincze, Eddie Spearritt, Matt Caraco
HEIDELBERG UTD: Jim Adam, Tony Boggi, John Margaritis, Tony Boggi, John Margaritis, Manny Poulakakis



OOPS!

Beautiful goalkeeper Sofia Angele makes a great save during an Italian women's league match and loses her shorts in the process.

**Israel a power
again, warns
Hakoah's Topol**

By
KYLE
PATTERSON

Israel is on the way back as a force in international soccer after going through a slump, and that's bad news for the Socceroos.

The man making that judgement is former Israeli international Shraga Topolanski, 29, who is in Australia to play with Hakoah St Kilda in the Victorian State League.

Topol, who was voted Israeli player of the year in 1977-78 by fellow professionals, said Israel slumped after playing in the 1970 World Cup finals in Mexico.

"Israel is getting stronger, and has many good players," said Topol. "The national team is preparing for the Moscow Olympic Games now and the same players will make up the World Cup team."

"I last saw Israel and Australia play in Tel



Aviv in 1974. I will be interested to watch the present Australian team and see what progress it has made."

Topolanski, who made 10 appearances for Israel and played against Gerd Mueller and Johan Cruyff during his illustrious career, was twice in Israeli squads which played against Australia.

He was selected to play at right back against the Socceroos in a World Cup game in 1969 in Tel Aviv but after a disagreement with coach Emanuel Shaeffer, the then 19-year-old defender was relegated to the bench. Israel won the match 1-0.

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• Hakoah's star recruit Shraga Topolanski (right) with the great Gerd Mueller during a week's training with Bayern Munich. "Topol" won the trip to Germany for being Israel's 1977 Player of the Year.

PSL 'losing credibility'

The manager-coach of Victorian State League club Preston Makedonia has hit out angrily over the uncertainty of PSL promotion and relegation.

Vrzina is incensed over suggestions that there did not appear to be clubs outside the league to replace existing members.

Makedonia is one of the applicants for membership.

Vrzina also hit out at suggestions that South Melbourne and St George would not be relegated under any circumstances if they finished in the last two positions.

"The PSL must state a firm policy about promotion and relegation. If they don't intend to admit new members, they should tell us so."

"We will then concentrate on organising our own State League competitions so that it becomes 10 times better than it is now," Vrzina said.

"How do they expect clubs to spend money and build for a future in the PSL among all this uncertainty?" The latest report is that the PSL would look at admitting a team from New Zealand.

"Last year, two weeks before the deadline for applications, the league said it wanted an application from Geelong. Do they think there are magicians in Geelong who can for m a PSL club in two weeks?"

"In my view, the PSL is rapidly losing all credibility. No-one can believe anything anymore. The league is clearly unstable, badly organised and unprogressive. If it keeps going like this it will be worth nothing in a few years' time. People will boycott it as a circus."

Vrzina added it was "ridiculous" to claim that applicants like Preston were not worthy of replacing any of the existing PSL members.

"At the moment the league has teams that struggle to draw 1000 spectators. Preston has a team that is better than half of those in the PSL, and we are also superior in attendances, ground facilities, administration and planning."

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Philips League clubs are quickly becoming vast financial concerns but still the decision-making process in many clubs is inexplicably amateurish.

Each of the 14 clubs is risking a minimum \$100,000 every year, one or two of the clubs blows that investment with a few thoughtless unprofessional decisions.

Clubs, with wide-eyed innocence, hire coaches but are seemingly ignorant of that coach's ability, personality, attitude towards players and many other traits which will make or break the coach in his new position, and thus make or break the club.

Some clubs go a step further and hire coaches who have proved to be incompetent, money-hungry or fly-by-night merchants.

When money is scarce at all levels in Australian soccer, it's amazing how clubs will stake thousands on a man whose ability is largely unknown to the club.

I can tell the true story of a Philips League club that contacted "Soccer Action" to find the telephone number of a potential coach. At the same time, the club asked: "What's he like? Who has he coached?"

Despite knowing little about this coach other than his name (and with every name goes a reputation), the club appointed him within 24 hours. He was eventually sacked.

This is the type of thing which makes the coaching game such a circus.

Not enough research is done by clubs looking for a coach. Most of the coaches who apply for top jobs in Australia have been tripping around the circuit of clubs for years. Therefore, to get references on the applicant is not difficult.

However, clubs neglect to thoroughly research the applicant - common practice when big businesses appoint people with executive responsibility - and often pay the penalty.

Coaching 'circus' is fault of clubs

By KYLE PATTERSON

At present, the coaches who get the top jobs are those who have been around longest, and have compiled an impressive list of former clubs.

Fred Bloggs, the former coach of South Heidelberg, Sydney Utd, Brisbane Olympic and so on, is assumed to be a top coach because he's been around so long.

Clubs will not question Mr Bloggs' ability because he's a NAME coach. Clubs will turn around and sack Mr Bloggs when it's discovered he's an alcoholic, a gambler, money hungry or in most cases an unsuccessful coach, but will replace him with a coach who, again, the club knows little about.

Time and money could be saved by research. If the new coach fails, he will be axed and blamed for lack of success, when it's the administration that is at fault.

There are two outstanding examples in the Philips League of how to go about finding a coach.

Newcastle KB Utd. in typical professional fashion, searched Australia-wide for applicants for its coaching position.

Alan Vest was the man who got the position, and time has proved that appointment to be

the right one. Yet Newcastle found Vest coaching in Western Australia, nearly the width of Australia away from the club's home.

Footscray refused to rush into a decision to appoint a successor to Cedo Kirkovic, who had been with the club seven years.

The Melbourne club studied applicants for a month before appointing a successor.

The whole coaching scene was put under the spotlight recently when South Melbourne appointed its third coach this season.

South Melbourne president Stan Papasavas said his administration was willing to take the blame for the failure of the first two coaches.

"We appoint coaches in the belief that they are right for the position," said Mr Papasavas. "However, time has proved us wrong in our assessments in recent seasons."

"I agree our research should be much wider, but really it is an impossible task to find good coaches. There aren't many competent coaches around, and you will find many clubs dissatisfied with their coaches at some stage of the season."

There are possibly three or four top coaches in Australia, and 14 top clubs looking for the right man.

Sometimes there is no alternative than to appoint a coach who may not be exactly suited to the task."

Mr Papasavas said his club advocated overseas coaches being brought into Australia.

He also spoke briefly of the problem of impatient supporters.

"Fans must be educated to accept defeat for the good of soccer in general," he said. "It's not fair that supporters put pressure on a coach because of a few adverse results."

While South Melbourne has had five coaches since the Philips League started, Footscray has had only two.

Footscray president Tony Kovac said his club strived for stability.

"Cedo Kirkovic was with Footscray for seven years as coach, and the committee never lost faith in him," said Kovac. "When he resigned we had many applications, both locally and from interstate, but took our time before appointing a new coach."

"Regardless of whether we win or lose games, we will get behind Bobby McLachlan because he's the right man for the job. The administration will take responsibility for decisions we make."

Mr Kovac said he deplored clubs which supported their coach one minute, but turned around to sack him.

"There are morals in sport, and it looks bad when clubs do an about face," he said. "At the start of this season Footscray spent large amounts of money to buy players but unfortunately the recruiting plan didn't work out."

"The administration is to blame and there's no way the coach will be blamed for our mistakes."

As an example of Footscray's stability, Mr Kovac pointed out that the committee of the club had had only one change in the past 10 years.

However, it's unlikely clubs will change their policy regarding coaching appointments and sackings.

Sacking a coach and hiring another will remain the magic answer when battling failure.

An old saying goes: "What's in a name?" In the coaching game, a "name" gets you places.

Avi Cohen was Topol's main rival

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In 1970 when the Soceroos were in Israel during a world tour, Topol was again a reserve as Australia won 1-0 with a Ray Richards goal.

Topol was impressed by the Australians, especially their well-planned tactics.

"In the World Cup game Australia had many players in midfield," said Topol, "and did not want to lose the match. The middle players ran hard and were strong. The defence was good and Israel scored only from a free kick."

"The score could have been 2-0, but Spielgar missed a penalty."

Topol remembers Australia's Manfred Schaefer, because he had the same name as the Israeli coach.

"Schaefer was a strong man, and the strength and hard running of the Australians could upset Israel."

Topol again saw Australia in that 1974 match which Israel won 2-1 with both goals coming from striker "Shaya" Feigenbaum, who will join Hakoah in the near future.

Topolanski's international career could have been far more illustrious had it not been for bad luck.

He was left out of Israel's 1970 national squad which played in the Mexico World Cup finals because he was considered too young at 19.

In 1976 he was selected among the 20 players for the Israeli Olympic team which qualified for the Montreal Olympic Games, but wasn't included in the final 18 which travelled to Montreal.

Topol, an affable and modest man, made mockery of

that decision when he was selected as Israel's Player of the Year in 1977-78 by fellow players.

Topol's reward was a week with crack West German club Bayern Munich.

He spent the week training under the guidance of West German super-coach Dettmar Cramer.

The star players at Bayern at the time were Gerd Mueller, Gernot Maier and George Schwarzenbeck.

However, disappointments at international level continued for Topol. In a 1977 World Cup qualifying match, Israel drew 0-0 with South Korea in Tel Aviv.

After the disastrous result, the media and soccer public hounded national coach David Schweitzer to recall Topolanski and Feigenbaum to the national team for the return leg in South Korea.

Schweitzer did this, but used Topol only as a reserve in the return leg, which Israel lost 1-3.

After all the disappointments Topolanski announced last year he no longer wanted to play for the national team.

His last game for Israel was in France last year in a friendly match against FC Paris. The score was 2-1 for FC Paris which scored late in the game.

Topolanski is a player of great standing, and Hakoah

president Dennis Krongold negotiated for more than six months before obtaining his services.

Topolanski has signed a two-year contract with Hakoah which also has a two-year option. If Topolanski and his family decide to settle in Australia, he will spend the rest of his career here.

Topol's best position is centre back. He has played as a stopper and as a sweeper or "libero". Attacking play has always been his strong points.

Just take a look at his scoring record in 1977-78. He played in defence but scored eight goals to finish third highest goalscorer in the First Division.

"I would play at centre half but would push up with the play whenever I could," he said. "Most of the goals came after I had come from defence to help the attacking players."

"Unfortunately, I could not play like this in the national team. The coach always wanted me to stay back in defence so I had to follow instructions."

"I think this could be one reason why the coach preferred other players to me."

Topol's most memorable goal came from a free kick.

"I was playing for Nathanya-Maccabi against Hapoel Tel-Aviv," said Topol. "We were awarded a free kick 25 metres from goal and the opposition made a wall to block my shot."

"I managed to bend the ball around the wall and left the goalkeeper on the other side of his goals."

Topolanski has a nose for scoring goals and so will probably be used in midfield for Hakoah.

"I haven't played many games in midfield, but I'm willing to play where the coach wants me to play," said Topol with typical modesty.

Years have tempered Topol after the impetuosity of youth got him into hot water at the beginning of his international career.

He made his international debut at 19 in a 3-3 draw with Switzerland and earned praise for his performance.

However, coach Schaefer wanted him to play at right back against Australia in a crucial World Cup game in Israel. Topol didn't think he would be suited to this position and said so.

He sat on the bench as a result and this set the trend for his international career which yielded only 10 full caps in a decade.

Topolanski started playing competitive soccer at the age of 11 with Nathanya-Maccabi juniors, and by the time he was 16 he had progressed to the First Division team.

Israel's First Division has 16 professional clubs and the aggregate attendance of eight championship games usually tops the 200,000 mark.

"In Israel I earned my living from soccer," said Topol, "but I had to do other work as well. All professional players have work apart from soccer."

With the emerging star Topolanski, Maccabi twice won the Israeli First Division championship, in 1971-72 and 73-74.

Four seasons ago, Topol transferred to Beitar Tel Aviv, where his career as a top player continued. Apart from winning the player of the year award with Beitar, he led the club to two Cup finals, both of which the club unfortunately lost.

The Telecom dispute delayed Topolanski's arrival in Australia.

"He should have been here six weeks ago," complained Hakoah president Dennis Krongold.

Because of the delay, Topolanski has been idle since May, and has done little serious training.

"But I feel fit and it shouldn't take long before I'm ready to play," said Topol, who showed his endurance by training with Hakoah four hours after arriving in Australia.

Topolanski doesn't speak fluent English, but can communicate with a degree of confidence.

He spoke of some of his most memorable games.

"Once Maccabi went to Holland and we played two games," said Topol. "The first was against Ajax Amsterdam and playing against Johan Cruyff was exciting."

"The other match was against FC Amsterdam, and that club also had some top players."

Topolanski later earned fame in England when Maccabi made a brief tour.

"We played Crystal Palace in London but just 4-1," said Topol. "Then we travelled to Liverpool to play Everton. Again we lost, by three goals to one, but the newspapers said I was the best player in the match, which I thought was a good achievement."

Ironically, one of Topolanski's old rivals is making a name for himself in Liverpool.

Avi Cohen, 22, a former national team mate of Topol's, recently transferred from Maccabi to Liverpool for \$700,000.

The value placed on Cohen's head gives some indication that Topolanski did not come to Australia for chicken feed.

Because Cohen played the same position as Topol, the two were rivals in the national team.

"Emanuel Schaefer is once again the national coach of Israel," said Topol. "He brought Cohen into the national team and I was left out. Whenever I played, Cohen was left out because we both played the same position."

"Even though he now plays with an English club, there is an agreement that Cohen is free to return for international matches."

This highlights the importance of the national team in Israel.

"Whenever there is an international match, the players go into camp for three days," said Topol, "and all First Division games are called off."



Freek Torque, in Juventus colors, is foiled by Melbourne goalkeeper Henry Surma.

TORCQUE RETURNS

Freek Torque, former centre forward of Lions and Juventus in the Victorian State League, is returning to Australia and seeks a club.

Torque was a dynamic striker with a powerful header. As a State League or First Division games Freek, even at 33, would still be a sensation, says Mr John Vandeloof of Glenroy, who has secured Freek's re-entry to Australia.

John said: "Freek was one of my best acquisitions at the time I lifted Lions. It was heartbreaking that some of my new team had itchy feet and wanted to travel, some to Africa, some to America."

Contact may be direct, or via John Vandeloof, 360 9115, Glenroy.

Regional leagues the answer for PSL?

Can the Philips League survive in its present form? Crowds are down since the first season - will they continue to fall?

Will ever-increasing travel costs cripple the league and force it to change its format?

These are questions posed by one of our readers, John Whitecombe of Carina, Brisbane.

To cut travelling expenses, he suggests that the league should be split into two groups of eight teams each - a North Eastern Division and a South Western Division.

The North East would comprise one team each from Brisbane, Ipswich, Newcastle, Parramatta, Wollongong and Canberra and two from Sydney.

The South West would be made up of two from Melbourne, two from Adelaide, one each from Geelong and Perth and two chosen from Tasmania, Latrobe Valley and Wharfedale.

Mr. Whitecombe suggests the regular season would be two rounds of seven games each, (each club plays the others in its own division home and away) plus one round of eight games (each team playing against the other division's clubs, one season at home, one season away).

Mr. Whitecombe argues that such regionalisation would:

a) Increase media coverage (combined affect of parochialism and hopefully, bigger clubs caused by amalgamations, e.g. a combined Greek club in Melbourne.)

b) Increase attendances due to:

1) Badly supported clubs being omitted from the PSL during re-organisation;

2) Amalgamations (e.g. a combined Italian club in Sydney).

3) Increased playing standard.

4) Increased "away" support for many clubs, e.g. Melbourne clubs taking supporters to Geelong, Latrobe Valley and vice-versa.

Mr. Whitecombe concludes: "The proposed youth league is an essential part of the future and could easily be accommodated within the above system."

"Regionalisation should cut expenditure and also increase income."

"The PSL must adopt something like it for 1980, or else it will not show the progress it should."

Rejection!

THE modest little Gueugnon club - average gate 3,300 - has shattered French soccer by turning down promotion to the First Division.

Besides winning promotion, Gueugnon knocked six teams out of the French Cup, including the giants of St Etienne.

But all their players are amateurs, and the French Football Federation have rejected Gueugnon's plea to change the rule that all First Division players must be professionals.

Rossi stays

Paolo Rossi, Vicenza FC, has reportedly purchased 25 per cent of the shares of his club as an alternative to being transferred to Naples.

NASL ban

LUCRATIVE summers spent in the States will be a thing of the past for English-based footballers after this year.

Football League clubs voted overwhelmingly to ban future loan transfers to the North American League, but loan moves in operation this summer are not affected.

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SOCCEROOS!

I have not said much about the national team so far, because I believe everyone deserves a fair go and sufficient time in which to carry out their plans.

However, I must now say that I am appalled at plans to postpone the return game against New Zealand, scheduled for July 25 in Canberra.

It also puzzles me that

efforts are being made not to field the Socceroos against AEK Athens as had been planned.

Are we afraid of New Zealand or was national coach Rudi Gutendorf reported incorrectly when he apparently told journalists in Newcastle that results do not matter, so long as the Socceroos get as many games as possible?

Clashes between New Zealand and Australia have always been the biggest matches in Oceania and they should be played as often as possible.

After all, New Zealand

is our only competent sparring partner in the region.

Matches against New Zealand have never been easy, so there is no point in showing fear now.

The return match should not be called off. Losing the first clash in Auckland has set the scene for a thrilling return which would draw a big crowd, especially if it were played in Newcastle.

More important, the Socceroos need to play matches to become a team. The more matches they play, the better they will become. Why should we pass up such opportunities?

Only Aussies for Roos

The matter of unnaturalised players representing Australia has become a serious problem.

At least one of these players is almost certain to return to his home country at the end of the season, yet he has been taking up valuable space in the national team during trial matches.

Are the unnaturalised players used so far really so superior to those who are already eligible?

While I was national coach from 1970 to 1974 one of my strictest rules was that only Australian-born or naturalised players could play in the national team, irrespective of the opponent.

So it should be today. Allow me to make a few other observations while I am on the subject of the Socceroos.

First, there are players who can be phenomenal at club level but ordinary in the national team. There are few glaring examples.

Second, there are numerous contradictions on the subject of players' age. Rudi Gutendorf said when he was appointed that age did not matter providing the player concerned is playing well enough.

Accordingly, he selected Ivo Prskalo who is well into his thirties, and he gave serious consideration to Jim Herimston before finding out that Herimston is ineligible.

These players are older than Branko Buljevic yet this fine forward continues to be overlooked. He has been ignored steadfastly since 1974, yet he is one of the finest forwards Australia has ever had.

If this is not an issue tied in with soccer politics, then what is?

Opportunities are being given to players older than Buljevic and players with half as much ability.

Buljevic, a superb sportsman, a match-winner, a leader, an organiser with superb skill, continues to outshine most other players in Australia, yet he of all men, is declared "too old."

Attila Abonyi and Branko Buljevic have been, skill-wise, the two greatest players the nation has seen, and if Buljevic is ignored, then it appears Australian soccer isn't very interested in reaching the World Cup finals.

And while I'm at it, I can't see Jimmy Rooney not being given a chance. Until a midfielder proves that he is as good as Rooney, there is no reason to leave out the little Heidelberg dynamo.

Comedy show, that's PS!

Nowhere in the world of soccer do we see the type of bungling that goes on in the Phillips League.

At the start of the season we had the Tony Turner affair, when that South Melbourne player took part in league matches for quite some time before the PS! finally discovered that the guy wasn't even registered!



RALE RASIC

More recently we had John Coyne of Brisbane City being allowed to serve a league-imposed suspension in an international match!

Such was the magnitude of that boo-boo that it required a vote of clarification by the full Council of Clubs two weeks ago.

Lo and behold, the Council announced that in future suspensions would be served in league, Cup or top four games only!

It took a Council decision to establish something which is no more than common sense everywhere else in the world.

We almost had another blunder when Brisbane City tried to get Roberto Echeverria to play in a PS! match against Adelaide City.

Echeverria had been given a four-match suspension by the Queensland Federation but apparently a PS! official gave Brisbane City permission to play him. Luckily, the decision was overruled by a top man in the ASF.

Such goings on would be front page news in Europe, but they've tended to be swept under the carpet here.

For years and years, I've been asking: When will an administrator be punished for his mistakes? Players cop suspensions, coaches get sacked, but administrators go blundering along their merry way, through sheer lack of knowledge or for whatever other reason.

In many ways, the league has made super progress and it has become in the eyes of other codes, a real threat to their security. However, if all the fundamental errors that have been made by the administration were to be lumped together and published, the PS! would look like one big comedy show.

Youth League a giant step

Irrespective of the cost, there is no decision I applaud more loudly than the proposed establishment of a national youth league.

The league, due to kick off next year, apparently with or without sponsors, will give youngsters something to aim for in soccer almost immediately.

Thirteen-year-olds know that if they are good enough they can be playing in a national competition within three short years.

The youth teams of PS! clubs will each weekend travel interstate to take part in a national competition for the best under 20 players in the nation.

They will travel with the senior players of their particular club, rubbing shoulders with top foot-ballers. The big time has been laid at the door of Australia's youngsters.

"Soccer Action" columnist Rale Rasic has not been unavoidably absent from our pages for some weeks. But the Adelaide City and former Socceroo boss is back as hard-hitting and as controversial as ever...

Surely this will change the negative attitude kids have had to the game in the past.

I am looking forward to this new competition. It will help us put together the strongest possible under 19 team for the world youth championships to be held in Australia in 1981.

But I make one warning.

To ensure that the players in the youth league develop the way we want them to, they must be given guidance from expert coaches. We will need technically better coaches for the under 20 teams than we need for the senior PS! teams, for their are more things that the youngsters have to learn.

Mark Jankovics nation's best

I once told Mark Jankovics that he reminded me of the great Henning Jensen who played in West Germany and Spain.

I had the pleasure of

seeing Jankovics again when he played against Adelaide City and as usual, he was fantastic.

To me, Mark Jankovics is the most talented footballer in Australia and I wish him a bright, successful future.

He puts everything into the game — his concentration, his mind, his whole life.

Let's have timekeepers

I have always been conservative about the rules of the game and I appreciate fully FIFA has resisted pressure to change some of them.

However, the experience of years has prompted me to change my mind about one aspect of the rules... the keeping of time.

I now believe sincerely that soccer should copy basketball and Australian Rules football by appointing an official timekeeper.

Referees have enough to worry about and they often forget to press their stopwatch for injury time.

In the recent game between Adelaide City and Marconi for example, the referees inspector agreed with my injury time calculation, yet Chris Bambridge, who handled the game very well, finished the match 30 seconds before the 90 minutes were up.

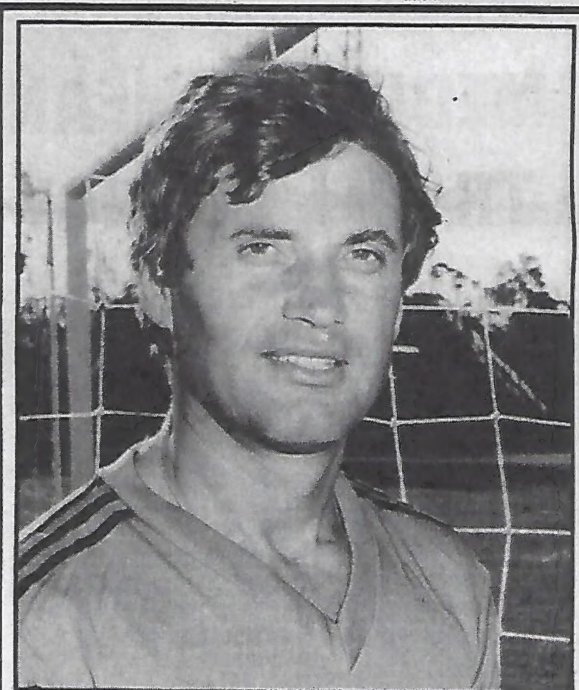
There were five minutes of injury time during the match, but Bambridge did not give them.

I am not being critical of Chris Bambridge. I am simply concerned about the future.

Anything can happen in five minutes. A match has been won and lost in less time.

I am not taking anything away from Marconi, which deserved its 4-2 victory that day, but it is definitely time to tighten up the area of timekeeping.

I suggest that at each Phillips League match, the referees' inspector should be appointed as the timekeeper and that he should signal half time and full time by means of a siren or similar device. It would take part of the load off the field referee but would keep the matter of timekeeping under the jurisdiction of the referees' association.



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ASIA WATCH

Japan improved its position in the "Asia Watch" standings by beating Indonesia 4-0 in Tokyo.

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That result, and South Korea's 2-1 win against Thailand in Bangkok, are the only scores that have been added since the last "Asia Watch" appeared on June 27.

"Asia Watch", which covers the period from November 1978 to November 1979, is compiled regularly from official international results published in "FIFA News".

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	rate
1 (1) N. Zealand.....	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	100.0
2 (2) North Korea.....	11	8	3	0	21	5	19	86.3
3 (3) Iraq.....	18	14	2	2	41	7	30	83.4
4 (4) South Korea.....	12	9	1	2	23	8	19	79.1
5 (5) China.....	11	8	0	3	24	8	16	72.7
6 (6) Kuwait.....	13	7	2	4	28	14	16	61.5
7 (7) Israel.....	5	2	2	1	7	4	6	60.0
8 (8) Saudi Arabia.....	9	3	4	2	17	8	10	55.5
9 (9) Malaysia.....	10	5	1	4	12	14	11	55.0
10 (11) Hong Kong.....	6	3	0	3	10	6	6	50.0
11 (10) Thailand.....	13	6	0	7	20	12	12	46.1
12 (14) Japan.....	8	3	0	5	13	17	6	37.5
13 (12) Macao.....	3	1	0	2	4	7	2	33.3
14 (13) Burma.....	3	1	0	2	2	5	2	33.3
15 (15) Sri Lanka.....	4	1	0	3	5	12	2	25.0
16 (16) Bahrain.....	9	1	2	6	22	4	24	24.4
17 (17) Qatar.....	11	3	2	6	11	26	8	22.4
18 (18) India.....	5	1	0	4	5	13	2	20.0
19 (19) U.A.E.....	5	1	0	4	5	15	2	20.0
20 (20) Oman.....	6	0	0	6	1	21	0	00.0
21 (21) Indonesia.....	4	0	0	4	3	14	0	00.0
22 (22) Philippines.....	3	0	0	3	1	10	0	00.0
23 (23) Singapore.....	3	0	0	3	1	11	0	00.0
24 (24) Bangladesh.....	2	0	0	2	0	4	0	00.0
25 (25) Australia.....	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	00.0

Results

NOVEMBER 1978: Surinam v. China 1-3; Israel v. Belgium 1-0; Japan v. USSR 1-4; Japan v. USSR 1-4; Japan v. USSR 0-3.

DECEMBER 1978: China v. Saudi Arabia 1-0; India v. Malaysia 0-1; Iraq v. Qatar 2-1; Japan v. Kuwait 0-2; Bahrain v. Japan 0-4; South Korea v. Kuwait 2-0; Bangladesh v. India 0-3; China v. Qatar 2-0; Iraq v. Saudi Arabia 1-1; Bahrain v. Kuwait 0-3; Japan v. South Korea 1-3; North Korea v. Thailand 3-0; Malaysia v. Thailand 1-2; China v. South Korea 0-1; Iraq v. North Korea 0-1; India v. North Korea 1-0; India v. North Korea 1-3; Iraq v. Kuwait 3-0; China v. Thailand 4-1; Malaysia v. South Korea 0-1; South Korea v. Thailand 3-1; China v. Malaysia 0-1; North Korea v. Kuwait 2-2; India v. Iraq 0-3; South Korea v. North Korea 0-0; China v. Iraq 1-0; Israel v. Rumania 1-1; Philippines v. South Korea 0-5; South Korea v. China 1-0; Philippines v. Macao 1-2; South Korea v. Macao 4-1; China v. Philippines 3-0; Macao v. China 1-2.

JANUARY 1979: Israel v. Austria 0-1.

FEBRUARY 1979: Iraq v. Finland 1-0; Iraq v. Finland 2-0; Iraq v. East Germany 1-1; Iraq v. East Germany 2-1; Israel v. Greece 4-1; Iraq v. Sweden 1-0; Bahrain v. Finland 0-1; Kuwait v. Sweden 0-2; Japan v. South Korea 2-1; Afghanistan v. Qatar 0-3; Qatar v. Brazil 1-0.

MARCH: Iraq v. Bahrain 4-0; Kuwait v. Qatar 3-1; Saudi Arabia v. United Arab Emirates 2-1; Iraq v. Qatar 2-0; Saudi Arabia v. Oman 4-0; U.A.E. v. Qatar 0-1; Bahrain v. Oman 3-1; Iraq v. Kuwait 1-1; Qatar v. Oman 1-0; Kuwait v. U.A.E. 7-0; Bahrain v. Saudi Arabia 1-1; Kuwait v. Oman 2-0; Saudi Arabia v. Qatar 7-1; Iraq v. U.A.E. 5-0; Kuwait v. Saudi Arabia 0-0; Iraq v. Oman 7-0; Qatar v. Bahrain 1-1; Iraq v. Saudi Arabia 2-0; Kuwait v. Bahrain 2-0; U.A.E. v. Oman 4-0.

APRIL: Burma v. South Korea 1-0.

MAY: Spain v. Israel - Olympic. Thailand v. Indonesia 3-1; Malaysia v. Sri Lanka 3-1; North Korea v. Hong Kong 3-0; Hong Kong v. Singapore 3-1; Sri Lanka v. Thailand 0-4; Indonesia v. Malaysia 1-4; Hong Kong v. Sri Lanka 5-0; Thailand v. Singapore 4-0; North Korea v. Indonesia 3-1; Sri Lanka v. Singapore 4-0; Thailand v. Hong Kong 1-0; North Korea v. Malaysia 1-1; Malaysia v. Hong Kong 0-0 (Malaysia won on penalties); North Korea v. Thailand 1-0; Hong Kong v. Thailand 2-1; North Korea v. Malaysia 1-0; Thailand v. Turkey 0-2; Thailand v. Sri Lanka 1-2; Japan v. Indonesia 4-0.

JUNE: New Zealand v. Australia 1-0.

Jim Shoulder gets married

Although more than 10,000 miles away, former Socceroo coach Jimmy Shoulder is keeping in touch with Australian soccer.

This news comes from Springvale City (Vic) coach Tony Dunkerley, who visited Shoulder on a recent trip to England.

Dunkerley revealed that Shoulder, now assistant manager of Darlington, was married last week.

"I sent Jimmy a card on behalf of all the fellas who worked with him on coaching courses in Victoria," said Tony. "Jimmy sends his regards, and asked to be remembered to his old friends in Australia."

Junior star dies

It was with regret that the Junior Leagues of Victoria heard of the tragic death of 19-year-old Chris Watson in the U.K. on July 9.

Chris, formerly with Nunawading City and Melbourne, represented Victoria at 14.

Deepest sympathy is extended to family and relatives by the VSF.

PSL STANDINGS

	HOME					AWAY						
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GLs	BP TP
*MARCONI.....	4	2	2	18	14	6	1	1	23	6	41.20	4 27
BRISBANE CITY.....	5	1	2	12	5	4	2	3	14	15	26.20	1 22
*SYDNEY CITY.....	4	0	4	18	16	5	2	1	14	6	32.22	1 21
ADELAIDE CITY.....	3	2	3	10	11	5	2	2	21	11	31.22	1 21
Newcastle KB Utd...5	1	2	14	6		3	3	3	12	13	26.19	0 20
*Heidelberg Utd....	3	3	1	11	7	4	1	3	12	8	23.15	1 19
West Adelaide.....	5	2	2	15	7	2	2	4	6	13	21.20	1 19
APIA-L'hard.....	3	2	3	10	10	5	1	3	10	10	20.20	0 19
*Canberra City.....	2	3	3	9	12	4	2	2	12	8	21.20	0 17
Sydney Olympic.....	2	1	5	6	10	4	1	4	12	11	18.21	0 14
*Brisbane Lions.....	3	0	6	11	20	3	1	3	7	8	18.28	0 13
*Footscray JUST.....	3	1	5	10	15	2	0	5	7	14	17.29	0 11
*St. George BSC.....	2	1	5	8	16	1	1	6	8	19	16.35	0 8
South Melbourne...2	1	6	10	15		1	1	6	5	19	15.34	0 8

*One match in hand. ** Two matches in hand.

PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

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PYE (3)
(Sth Melb)

SUMMERSCALES (3)
(Newc)

POTTER (3)
(Br.C)

RATCLIFFE (2)
(Br.C)

J. CAMPBELL (3)
(H'berg)

BANNON (1)
(H'berg)

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ST. GEORGE 1 BRISBANE LIONS 1. Ratings by Roger Dewick:

ST. GEORGE: Fraser 6 — Harris 6, Utjesenovic 5, Della Picca 5 (Grosse 7, 46th), R. O'Shea 6 — Katholos 6, Gnani 7, J. O'Shea 6 — Fenoughty 5, Cotton 7 (Hensman 60th), O'Connor 6.

LIONS: Lownds 6 — Hermiston 6, Bennett 7, Lawrie 5, Lavelle 8 — Wilson 6, Ogden 5, Hughes 6 — Fairbrother 7 (Wallace 5, 47th.), Brennan 5, Ontong 6.

MARCONI 1 SYDNEY CITY 0. Ratings by Knut Werner:

MARCONI: Maher 8 — Berry 7, Russell 7, Prskalo 8, Degney 6 — Bryne 7, Henderson 8, Vieri 5 — Krmecic 6, Jankovic 7, Sharne 8.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 6 — Kershaw 6, Thomson (inj. sub Mullen 7, 10th. min), O'Connor 8, Bruce 7 — Souness 8, Barnes 6, Stevenson 7 — Watson 9, Smith 6, Campbell 8.

BRISBANE CITY — Wishart 5, Perry 6, Ratcliffe 9, Potter 9, Wilkinson 8, Pimblett 9, Gaffney 6 (Caldwell 61st.), Coyne 6, Low 7, Campbell 7, Kelso 6.

NEWCASTLE KB — Preston 9, Willis 6, Summerscales 9, Drinkwater 9, Curran 8, Bertonga 6, Senkalski 7, Tredinnick 8, Heys 6, Boden 9, Keolan 6 (McClelland 78th).

WEST ADELAIDE 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0. Ratings by Meno Toutsidis:

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 7, Tymczyszyn 6, Reynolds 6, Kamhas 7, Jones 8, Boyle 7, Dooley 7, Norris 6, Koulianos 6, Fernandez, McGregor 7, Kosmina 7.

OLYMPIC: Wilson 8, McIntosh 6, Cross 6, Bell 7, Wilson 6, Gibson 6, Laing 7, Raskopoulos 7, Morris 6, Jennings 7, Rowden 6.

SOUTH MELBOURNE 0 HEIDELBERG UTD 1. Ratings by Laurie Schwab.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Laumets 6 — Pye 9, Kalafatis 8, Baxter 6, Turner 7 — Wright 6, Christopoulos 6, Davidson 8, Lutton 8 — Campbell 6, Cummings 6.

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 7 — Yzendoorn 7, P. Bannon 10, Provan 7, Tansy 8 — Campbell 9 (inj. sub Bozikas 78th), Taylor 7, Rooney 8 — Cole 8, Paton 8, Buljevic 7.

A.P.I.A.: Woodhouse 8, Skellern 7, Dempsey 8, McGinn 6, Pullen 7, Carruthers 6, Rampanti 6, (Samuels 73rd) Drews 6, Roberts 7, Reed 7, Butler 8.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 8, Russell 7, Muir 8, B. Nyskohus 6, Doodis 6, Muniz 6, Northcote 5, Perin 7, J. Nyskohus 6, Deane 7, Kent 6.

FOOTSCRAY 1 CANBERRA CITY 2. Ratings by Kyle Patterson.

FOOTSCRAY: Potter 8 — Ristic 6, Kondarios 6, Jovicic 6, Hazabent 5 — Jovanovic 7, Iliiski 6, Piccione 6 (Rujevic 61st min) — Palinkas 6 (Ristovski 5, half time), Ollerton 9, Lujic 8.

CANBERRA: Hoszowski 7 — Moulis 6, Brown 7, Stark 6, Milovanovic 7 — Callaghan 8, Davies 8, Cant 7, Farrell 5 (Grujicic 59th min) — Byrne 9, MacLaren 9.

Leading averages:
7.8 Muir (AC), Potter (BC), Jankovic (Mar), S. O'Connor (SC), Crook (WA).

7.7 Prskalo (Mar), Sharne (Mar), Pye (SM).

7.6 Woodhouse (APIA), Ratcliffe (BC), Hermiston (BL), Henderson (Mar), J. Campbell, Buljevic (H'berg), Davidson (SM), Thomson (SC), Meier (SO).

7.5 Perry (BC), Davies (Can), Rooney (H'berg), G. Byrne (Mar), Watson (SC), Bell (SO).

7.4 Rampanti, Butler (APIA), Wilkinson (BC), Brown, Stark (Can), Kondarios (Foots), Curran, Summerscales, Drinkwater, Boden, (Newc), Clarke (SC), Raskopoulos (SO).

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7. Drinkwater (Newc), Sharne (Marc).
6. Kelso (BC), Picciano (Foot), Cole (H'berg), Barnes, Watson (SC), Kosmina (WA).
5. Kent, J. Nyskohus (AC), Reed (APIA), Evans (SM), Eaton (SO) Norris (WA).
4. Caldwell (BC), Buljevic (H'berg), Boden, Hays (Newc), G. Byrne (Marc), P. O'Connor (St.G), Stevenson (SC).

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'Marconi will slip,' says Jim Rooney

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Heidelberg's ability to challenge league leader Marconi will be tested in its match against second-placed Brisbane City in Brisbane on Sunday.

Jamie Paton, Gary Cole and Branko Buljevic cannot afford to waste chances in this match, for they won't get many against one of the finest defences in the country.

George Potter is emerging as one of the league's best sweepers, supported brilliantly by David Ratcliffe, Bill Wilkinson, Steve Perry and, when fit, Peter Tokes.

Frank Pimblett drops back to help that powerful rearguard, making it extremely difficult for anyone to get through.

Luckily for Heidelberg, the Brisbane City attack isn't half as good as the defence. Kevin Low was dangerous early in the season but opposing coaches now appreciate his talents and make sure that he is shackled.

Big Barry Kelso poses a threat in the air but Bob Provan is also tall and should be able to handle him.

If it wins its two postponed matches, Heidelberg will have

at least 23 points — four less than Marconi which also has a game in hand, meaning its present total of 27 is potentially 29.

In other words, the gap between leader Marconi and "second-placed" Heidelberg could be as much as six points.

It's a big gap for Heidelberg to bridge but in this league of goal-scoring bonus points nothing is impossible, and Heidelberg certainly has the forward to pile on the goals.

One person who's confident that Heidelberg can take the title is midfielder Jimmy Rooney. "Marconi will slip," he predicts.

It's interesting to note that Heidelberg's defence has conceded only 15 goals — less than any other in the league. It is now up to the strikers to do the rest. With a little luck Paton would have notched at least two against South Melbourne last Sunday and Buljevic would have put one in instead of hitting the post.

In short, Heidelberg's strikers are in the right place at the right time. There will be a goal avalanche soon.

Heidelberg's fine form has affected Newcastle's and Adelaide City's chances of finishing in the top four.

Both teams drew last weekend and look like repeating that result when they meet each other in Newcastle on Saturday.

With Jim Muir back in the Adelaide City team and Newcastle's Bill Summerscales and Roy Drinkwater playing so well, both defences look impregnable.

Adelaide City's best chance of breaking through would appear to be on the left where

Weekend matches with likely winners in capitals:

IN NEWCASTLE
Newcastle KB United v Adelaide City (draw) at International Sports Centre, Saturday, 2.30 pm.

IN MELBOURNE
SOUTH MELBOURNE v Brisbane Lions at Middle Park, Sunday 3 pm.

Footscray v SYDNEY CITY at Olympic Park, Sunday 3 pm.

IN ADELAIDE
West Adelaide v CANBERRA CITY at Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday 3 pm.

IN SYDNEY
APIA-Leichhardt v Sydney Olympic (draw) at Wentworth Park, Sunday, 3 pm.

St George v MARCONI, at St George Stadium, Sunday 3 pm.

IN BRISBANE
Brisbane City v HEIDELBERG UTD at Perry Park, Sunday 3 pm.

Chris Kent has been "burning".

APIA Leichhardt's coach Ray Richards and his players are fuming over a remark made by Rale Rasic after last weekend's 1-1 draw with Adelaide City.

Rasic described APIA as the weakest PSL team since Mooroolbark, and criticised his own players for not taking greater advantage of the Sydney side's weaknesses.

Peter Wilson and Brian O'Donnell return after suspension to play against Sydney Olympic on Sunday, and Wilson's presence alone should ensure a much improved performance.

However, both teams have an acute shortage of good forwards. If APIA's lone short-shooter, Ken Reed, is blocked out of the game, the result should be a draw.

Sydney City, whose bid to catch Marconi faltered at Marconi Oval last Sunday, aims to get back into the title race by beating Footscray J.U.S.T. at Olympic Park on Sunday.

J.U.S.T. paid the penalty for slack marking in defence when it lost 1-2 to Canberra, and Sydney City is even better than Canberra up front.

Correction — City is USUALLY good in attack. Last weekend, against Marconi, the City strikers could do little right, and Gerry Chaldi will no doubt be demanding a lot more against J.U.S.T.

Eddie Thomson was injured against Marconi and may be doubtful for this match. It will be interesting to see whether Footscray coach Bobby McLachlan again uses Peter Ollerton in attack. Ollerton played extremely well there against Canberra but lacked adequate support.

Slobodan Jovanovic did enough to justify his inclusion and will probably hold his place in midfield.

South Melbourne Hellas should beat Brisbane Lions at Middle Park on Sunday, after failing to taste victory for seven weeks.

Hellas dropped to last place when it lost 0-1 to Heidelberg last Sunday, and is determined not to stay there.

Striker Alun Evans returns to the team after injury and he should add the necessary power to crack the Lions defence, led by Jim Hermiston and Col Bennett.

Hellas continues to have a problem in midfield. It may pay to drop George Campbell back into a midfield role where he has more room to use his considerable talents, and to replace him up front with Steve Carr.

This is the match in which Hellas can come good. A victory — particularly a decisive one — will give the players the confidence they need so desperately to start a winning run that will get them out of the relegation zone.

Fellow struggler St George faces a much more difficult task against mighty Marconi on Sunday.

Saints still do not have a settled side, while Marconi is functioning more and more as a machine. Eddie Krncevic has been in great form in recent weeks and was responsible for the winning goal, scored by Peter Sharne, against Sydney City last Sunday.

With Krncevic, Gary Byrne and Roberto Vierri operating in midfield for Marconi, St George appears doomed to a heavy defeat.

Canberra City's confidence has been boosted by successive victories over Footscray and South Melbourne. Don McLaren, who has scored two goals in two games since arriving from Scotland, has struck up a winning partnership with Terry Byrne in attack, and the Canberra midfield remains as tight as ever. West Adelaide is only a shadow of the champion side it was last season, and I expect Canberra to score a valuable away victory.

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Jamie Paton is horizontal in flight as he heads at the Hellas goal. He missed narrowly. At right is Stuart Baxter. Pictures by SAM BELFONTE.



Man of the match Pat Bannon tackles Hellas' Duncan Cummings. In the background is Bob Provan.



Heidelberg's Andy Bozikas storms towards goal, pursued by Chris Kalafatis.



Heidelberg players protest to referee Tim Davies about an injury to Jamie Paton, who holds his head in agony. The players, are, from left: Branko Buljevic, Ken Taylor, Jimmy Rooney, Gary Cole, Mike Pye, Alan Davidson.

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Kyle Patterson

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Sydney City drops back



● Peter Sharnon (Marconi)

MARCONI 1 SYDNEY CITY 0

Scorer: Sharnon.
Ground: Bosley Park.
Crowd: 8773.
Weather: Fine.
Referee: Beazleigh (Vic) 8.
Cautions: Berry (M), Mulron, Bruce, Kershaw (SC).

PSL pacesetters Marconi took a giant step towards the 1979 crown with a 1-0 victory over second placed Sydney City at Marconi Oval.

Marconi have opened up a five-point gap at the top of the table and look set to take their first national title.

Marconi started the game in stunning fashion with an instant assault on the City goal in the first minute.

Three times Marconi players had the chance to score with only a City defender kicking the ball off the line.

After seven minutes, with the Marconi attack in full cry, City's rearguard began to look vulnerable after central defender Eddie Thomson suffered a leg injury.

The vital goal came in the eighth minute. Paul Degney brilliantly overlapped, crossing to young international Eddie Krncevic whose shot spun from the hands of City keeper Todd Clarke.

Australian striker Peter Sharnon was then left to slot home a gift goal from one metre.

Marconi surged forward, eager for another goal, with Sharnon and Krncevic tearing City apart.

Then the tide began to turn, with City's ball players holding possession in midfield.

Marconi relied more and more on the speed of their counter-attacks to hit City and several times almost added to the score.

After 40 minutes, Marconi broke away with three men facing a lone Ian Bruce but the move came to nothing when Clarke dashed from his goal to intercept.

In the second period, City's dominance was more pronounced but their forward line, headed by Terry Smith, was in poor form and could not convert the midfield superiority into goals.

Bannon the bulldozer

HEIDELBERG UTD 1 STH MELBOURNE 0

Scorer: Taylor 3rd min.
Ground: Middle Park.
Crowd: About 12,000.
Referee: Tim Davies (NSW) 7.

Cautions: Baxter (SM). Heidelberg captain Pat Bannon was the most jubilant man to come off the Middle Park pitch after this all-Greek derby which left Heidelberg poised just outside the top four and South Melbourne Hellas nailed to the foot of the table.

Bannon, playing his best game of the year, thwarted all attempts by Hellas to snatch the equaliser.

He won everything in the air, he never failed to take the ball in tackles and he pushed his team forward like a bulldozer.

If the Hellas attack looked inadequate, it was partly due to Bannon's dominance. Poor Duncan Cummings and George Campbell could get nothing past the Heidelberg skipper, especially without the assistance of Alun Evans who was serving a suspension.

After taking the lead through Ken Taylor in the third minute, Heidelberg was unlucky not to add further goals in the first half.

In the second period, Heidelberg was content to close up and rely on long balls to strikers Gary Cole and Jamie Paton who created much more danger than Hellas threatened with all its territorial dominance.

Instead of slowing down the play and looking for openings, Hellas as usual rushed wildly forward as if sheer persistence is enough to get the ball into the net.

Heidelberg's new coach, former Hellenic boss, John Margaritis, brought left back Tony Turner into the team to allow Alan Davidson to push up into midfield.

The match was preceded by a social game between a team of Pressmen and former stars (including Jimmy Mackay, Jim Armstrong and Steve Walker) and a team made up of ex-players.

Then came entertainment by a band and a display of "syrtaki" dancing.

The scene was set for an epic battle and Ken Taylor started it appropriately by scoring after three minutes.

The move began with Branko Buljevic playing the ball wide to Jimmy Rooney whose cross was flicked back by Gary Cole to Taylor who rammed it home from the edge of the area as he had done the previous week against West Adelaide.

Cole was brilliant in the opening 15 minutes. It was unlucky that his inspired diagonal pass was hampered against the post by Buljevic and that Paton's follow-up shot was blocked by the defence.

Buljevic started to limp badly in the 15th minute and hobbled over to the touchline to receive treatment. He carried on for the remainder of the game but although he did valuable work along the length of the left flank, he was not as prominent as usual in attacking moves.

Heidelberg's early dominance subsided as the half progressed and Bertie Luton, Davidson and Pye started giving Hellas more and more of the play.

Just after the interval, Luton got past Jim Tansey inside the penalty area and Tansey appeared to push him from behind. Luton appealed for a penalty but referee Tim Davies turned him down.

It was consistent with many other refereeing decisions that favored defenders rather than forwards.

Jim Tansey, who was playing very well on Heidelberg's left flank, sent a free kick into the penalty area where Paton completed, who had yet another brilliant game, was injured and had to be replaced by Andy Rozakac in the 72nd minute.

Hellas's last and best scoring opportunity came 14 minutes from the end. George Campbell's cross was punched out short by Bannon and followed up and punched the ball further. It went to Davidson with Banovic out of position but Davidson shot across goal.

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WEST ADELAIDE 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0

Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium.
Crowd: 4,200.
Weather: Fine.
Referee: Don Campbell.

West Adelaide and Sydney Olympic fought out a 0-0 draw in a completely forgettable match at Hindmarsh Stadium. Both sides displayed lack of imagination and frustrated the crowd with their futile attempts to score.

Olympic dominated the opening period but their forwards were so inept that goalkeeper Martyn Crook enjoyed a pleasant afternoon in the sun.

The disturbing feature of the match was the high percentage of passes that were either cut out by opposing players or went directly to them.

Both sides made sweeping changes to their line-ups.

West coach Tom Fordle left out Dave Pillans and Vic Botanic (injured) and Graham Honeyman.

He brought in young striker George Koulianos and Ian McGregor who has been on the bench in recent weeks.

Meanwhile, Olympic was forced to bring in young goalkeeper Peter Wilson to replace Gary Meier who broke a finger last week.

Andy Scott, Alan Ainsley and defender Karim Ghisli were other notable absentees.

Wilson was Olympic's star, catching everything that came his way, although West rarely tested him.

It took West Adelaide 25 minutes to get their act together when Garrie Dooley, a hard worker in midfield, shot wide of target.

Seven minutes later Peter Boyle, a shadow of his former self, also shot wide.

New signing Marcelino Fernandez almost shot West into the lead in the 46th minute but his attempt was blocked and McGregor each had shots but Olympic survived.

The closest Olympic came to scoring in the second half was in the 50th minute when Ian Rowden's header was fisted out by Crook.

Kosmina missed the first of four opportunities in the 62nd minute when Wilson tipped pldriver over the bar.

Moments later he misjudged a shot from 10 metres and the ball sailed harmlessly over the bar.

Kosmina unleashed his best shot in the 74th minute after a dynamic run into the penalty area but from a tight angle he put the ball over the bar.

And soon after he looked set to score with a header but Wilson blocked the attempt and an extraordinary melee developed in which four players saw their shots cleared.

The match failed to reach great heights after that although Olympic had West stretched a few times near the end.

Olympic's best players were Peter Raskopoulos, Graham Jennings and Rickie Bell.

The goal-less draw was a considerable feat as far as Olympic was concerned because they have now kept West scoreless in their last three outings.

Olympic triumphed 2-0 earlier in the season and won 1-0 at Hindmarsh Stadium last year.

He chose Caldwell, who bullock-headed a tackle, just beat Preston to the ball and rammed his shot under the keeper and off the right hand.

After the game, Caldwell had been on the park some 11 minutes before snatching his second vital goal at home in successive matches, matching his winner two weeks earlier against Adelaide City.

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Wow, what action!

BRISBANE CITY 1 NEWCASTLE KB 1

Scorers: Caldwell (BC), 72nd, Curran (NB) 81st.
Ground: Perry Park.
Crowd: 3755.
Referee: Henry Witschke 8.

Cautions: Campbell (BC). In one of the most enthralling PSL matches witnessed at Perry Park this season, Brisbane City and Newcastle KB United kept their final four hopes burning with an action packed draw.

It was a classic encounter. Although the football standard was often found wanting, there was enough tension and excitement, capped by a tremendous last quarter hour, to keep even the most critical satisfied.

Even more satisfying for City was that the match drew their biggest crowd for some time, and they can look forward to more improvement as long as their current campaign continues.

The match started at a blistering pace and it was obvious neither side could sustain that type of action. City were much more dangerous in those opening minutes and only some great keeping by Jim Preston enabled them to survive the initial onslaught.

But there was also a most uncharacteristic misunderstanding in the City defence, and George Potter, with Kim Wishart beaten, had to clear a Kevin Keelan shot off the line.

Both sides utilised their centre back combinations to perfection, and City's Potter, with Kim Wishart beaten, had to clear a Kevin Keelan shot off the line.

Ratcliffe however managed to move forward to crack a shot goalwards after Summerscales had cleared a low corner but Preston again saved his backline with some fine anticipation.

KB almost clinched the first goal in the 38th minute following a Boden cross. Perry and Wishart made a mess of things, Treddinck had a shot and it fell loose to Graham Heys, who barged in and whacked over the top.

Only minutes from half time, City in turn went close to grabbing the vital goal, through some good work by left back Campbell. He turned inside Col Curran and found Pimblett, but the midfielder shot straight at Preston.

KB had slightly the better of things in the second half, but had no-one capable of adequately backing up the persistent and skilful Kenny Boden.

But despite his outstanding performance, Boden missed a chance he would normally have put away with his eyes shut. Boden pounced on a Perry mistake and raced clear, with only Wishart to beat. Boden advanced to within three metres of goal and Wishart could not believe his fortune when the little striker blasted his left foot shot into the net.

That was in the 20th minute, and for the next 10, City came right back after Kevin Caldwell had come on to the right wing, replacing midfielder Gaffney, who is still carrying a leg injury.

In the 72nd minute, Campbell motorised down the middle, passed to Ratcliffe, and the centre half had the choice of Caldwell on the right and Kelso on the left, a situation from where many of City's goal emanate.

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A.P.I.A. 1 ADELAIDE CITY 1

Ground: Wentworth Park.
Crowd: 2968.
Referee: D. Nugent 8.
Yellow cards: Northcote (22'), Muniz (65').

Adelaide City, the team that has presented Sydney Clubs with quite a headache during this season (in Sydney) continued to collect points after a 1-1 draw with A.P.I.A. at Wentworth Park.

It was a dull affair, with Adelaide City having the edge in the first half and A.P.I.A. the home team, in the second half.

At no stage could we get up and cheer, as there was nothing to cheer about. At no stage could we applaud as there was nothing to compliment in this game, and so it went on and on.

For those who like to keep a tab on what went on I shall endeavour to recall a few moments that could have meant victory to one side or the other.

As early as the third minute Jim Dempsey pushed the ball into the goal, but he failed to see Dixie Deans in the area and almost paid dearly for his mistake. Dixie chased the ball and managed to rake it out of the far post to the delight of Juventus supporters. Nyskus slammed a first-time that presented Woodhouse with an anxious moment.

Woodhouse flew to his left to save but only parried to the feet of Dixie Deans some 20 metres from goal. The shot by Deans was hard but not well directed and the home team survived.

In the 22nd minute Brian Northcote fouled Mark Pullen to earn the first yellow card from the Brisbane referee.

Nugent and provide spectators with excitement.

I am sure most soccer supporters would do without.

To make matters worse for the visitors A.P.I.A. launched an attack after some 40 minutes.

Rosario Rampanelli found Terry in the left with a well measured cross. Butler wasted no time in picking up the ball, then clipping it back into the area for Ken Reed to head goalwards. It looked a goal for the visitors, but for the post that stood in the way to deny Reed the first goal of the game.

Soon after the restart the visitors managed to break the deadlock.

John Nyskus was brought down by Pullen and referee Nugent awarded the visitors a customary free kick some 35 metres from goal and almost on the sideline.

With Jimbo Muir in the area, most of A.P.I.A. defenders centred their attention on the tall South Australian.

Unfortunately for Woodhouse, Dixie Deans was forgotten and it paid dividends to the away team. The cross by Muniz was well measured and Deans wasted no time in lobbing Woodhouse to score off the far post for City.

A.P.I.A. tried to equalise without success till the 87th minute.

Then, with the points seemingly on their way to Adelaide, Ken Reed scored the equaliser.

Following a cross by Eric Carruthers, Adelaide City defenders failed to agree on their duties in the area and present-day Reed with the easiest of chances to take a well deserved point.

Rail Rasic was visibly upset after the game: "All players should apologise to the public for the performance at Wentworth Park. It was just about the worst exhibition of soccer I have witnessed in years."

Believe me, Rale was quite accurate in his assessment of the game. I feel that Muir of Adelaide City and Dempsey of A.P.I.A. played some outstanding soccer, and for that reason alone, we could not see all 22 players in error.

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Charitable defence

FOOTSCRAY 1 CANBERRA 2

Scorers: Footscray — Ollerton 47th; Canberra — MacLaren 57th, Byrne 63rd.
Ground: Olympic Park, Melbourne.
Crowd: est. 1000.
Weather: Fine and windy.
Referee: Graham Neale (SA) 7.

The threat of relegation is real for Footscray but the attitude of the players is inconsistent with a team fighting for its life.

The players lacked enough discipline and determination to win, and gave Canberra a fairly smooth ride.

Footscray had an excellent chance of winning after taking the lead two minutes into the second half but didn't have enough desire to maintain the advantage.

As soon as Canberra equalised Footscray was finished and submitted without a struggle.

Footscray is playing badly but that goes without saying. The disturbing feature is the "couldn't care less" approach. Even if a team's playing badly, by grafting and fighting it gives itself a chance.

Canberra came for a draw and in the end won comfortably. Although Canberra had excellent players in Don MacLaren, Terry Byrne, Ian Callaghan and John Davies, Footscray must win home games against teams like Canberra, which are in the bottom half of the table, if it wants to survive this season.

The Footscray defence must be one of the most charitable in the Phillips League. Canberra had only two strikers — Byrne and Mac

Platini, Rep join St Etienne, star winger to Brazil, Neeskens moves

CRUYFF FACES LEGAL ACTION FROM COSMOS

While Johann Neeskens prepared to leave Spanish club Barcelona to join the New York Cosmos, his former Holland team mate Johan Cruyff was scoring twice in his debut for Los Angeles Aztecs. Cruyff had to go off injured in the next game.

Cruyff has been threatened by New York Cosmos with legal action. Cosmos wants about \$500,000 damages, claiming Cruyff broke an agreement to sign for Cosmos and instead joined the Aztecs.

Cruyff, the giant of the 1974 World Cup in Germany, joined the U.S. soccer circus after retiring from football a year ago. He was forced to return after losing investments of about \$3.5 million in Spanish business deals.

Bernd Hoenlebein, the German international, who played against Australia in the 1974 World Cup, has turned down an offer to go to Saudi Arabia.

Augustin Cajas, one-time goal-

IN BRIEF

keeper of Racing Buons Aires and Santos, has celebrated 20 years of playing. Cajas toured Australia with Santos.

Andrieh has signed Austrian international goalkeeper Friedi Konclia but failed to snare Ajax forward Tschue La Ling.

Robert Carocha, former Polish international forward, has joined Brazilian club Curitiba. He previously went from Poland to France.

Chilean forward or midfielder Carlos Caszely, another player who met Australia in the 1974 World Cup (0-0) has broken a leg.

French midfield star Michel Plantini has joined St Etienne, as has Dutchman Johnny Rep.

FC Koeln tried to buy PSV Eindhoven's Rene van der Kerkhof but didn't like the initial asking price of \$650,000.

Spain's national team boss Ladislao Kubala has turned down a big cash offer to pose for nude photographs for a magazine.

Miodrag Kustudic, Yugoslav centre forward of Her-

cules, is angry because the club have yet to fulfil an apparent promise to pay him the value of the home he had to leave in Rijeka.

JUERGEN SPARWASSER, the man whose goal took East Germany to famous victory over West Germany in the first round of the 1974 World Cup Finals, has been forced to retire by injury. Sparwasser, of Magdeburg, the East German Cup-winners, scored 131 goals in his league career and played 53 games for the national team.

A VERITABLE Scottish colony is building up at Filbert Street, Leicester.

It's just over a year since Jock Wallace became manager of Leicester City. AND, IN THAT TIME HE'S SIGNED NO FEWER THAN TWELVE SCOTS.

Jock's Tartan Dozen are former Rangers MARTIN HENDERSON and ALAN LEE, BOBBY SMITH from Hibs, GREGOR STEVENS from Motherwell, ANDY and PAUL GEDES from Johnstone Burgh and Kilbirnie, IAN WILSON from Elgin, FRANK COLE from Sauchie Athletic, PAT MCSHANE and STEVE HAMILTON from Anniesland, Waverley, JOHN STALKER from Easthouses, and ALAN YOUNG, a 150,000 pounds-plus signing from Oldham.

Jimmy Greaves, a self-confessed alcoholic, has won back his wife, Irene, who divorced him because of his drink problem.

ARGENTINE pair Carlos Morete (16) and Miguel Angel Brindisi (14) scored well over half Las Palmas's 49 league goals. Unfortunately Brindisi, the 1974 World Cup schemer, is bound for a return to his original Argentine club, Huracan.

EDDIE GRAY, the Leeds United and Scotland player, received 27,843 pounds from his testimonial. Gray stands third in the list of Leeds beneficiaries. BILLY BRENNER received the record 36,804 pounds and JACK CHARLTON is next.

TREVOR FRANCIS scored his first goal of the American season when helping Detroit Express end a six-match losing run by beating San Diego Sockers. New England Tea Men beat Toronto Blizzard 2-1 and Rochester Lancers overcame Portland Timbers by the same score.

ALAN BALL has joined Vancouver Whitecaps from Philadelphia Fury.

BRAZIL beat Ajax Amsterdam 5-0 in a friendly in Sao Paulo. Scorers were Socrates (2), Toninho, Zico (2).

BRIGHTON manager Alan Mullery has completed his first signing since taking the club into the First Division. He signed 21-year-old Steve Foster, the Portsmouth central defender, for 130,000 pounds.

Foster, who was selected for England's under-21 side against Holland in February, made over 100 first team appearances for Portsmouth.

Mullery said: "I've been greatly impressed by Steve, and I'm sure he'll do a useful job for us this season."

MICK ROBINSON is to join Manchester City from Preston in a 750,000 pounds deal. And if anyone outside Preston says "Mick Who?" it's not entirely surprising. Robinson, 21, is a striker with only 12 months' experience in the Second Division.



Peter Bonetti

Bonetti to Dundee Utd

DUNDEE United manager Jim McLean moved in to sign Peter Bonetti, the Chelsea and former England goalkeeper who was released at the end of last season after an illustrious career at Stamford Bridge.

After finalising the deal, McLean said: "This is a great capture for Dundee United. He is a vastly experienced goalkeeper who should also bring on the younger players at Tannadice Park."

McLean then went on to say that the signing of Bonetti had nothing to do with the current dispute between goalkeeper Hamish McAlpine and the club, which arose during the tour of Japan last month.

"I had been on the lookout for an alternative goalkeeper long before the

McAlpine affair," added the United boss.

Bonetti, who is 37, was released by Chelsea as a gesture of his fine service so that he could take over a guest house in the Isle of Mull.

He has signed a part time contract with United and will travel through each Friday to Dundee when the season gets under way. Bonetti, who gained seven international caps, an FA Cup winner's medal and a European Cup Winners Cup medal while with Chelsea, is excited at the prospect of playing in the Premier Division.

"I am confident that I can do a first-class job for Dundee United, whose record in recent years shows them to be one of the top clubs in Scotland."



Real Madrid - Champions of Spain. Back row left to right: Garcia Remon, Sabino, Aguilar, Stelike, Benito, Pirri. Front row: Juanito, Del Bosque, Cortes, Santillana, Wolff.

Boskov takes over Madrid

REAL MADRID are Spanish champions yet again - their 19th league title - and they've signed a new coach.

He's yet another Yugoslav, Vujadin Boskov, and the grand irony is that immediately after the league had been concluded, Madrid beat Boskov's last club, Zaragoza, 2-1 on aggregate in the Cup quarter finals!

Madrid claimed the title in style, hammering visiting Santander in the last game in Chamartin by 5-1, watched by a 60,000 crowd even though the match went out live on television.

Boskov, once a fine inside forward whose career ended in Switzerland just in 1962 with Young Fellows, also began his training career in the land of cuckoo clocks. In 1963-64 he took

over Young Fellows as player-coach, then was trainer for a season with Rot-Schwarz Zurich in 1968.

The Yugoslav national team and Feyenoord in Holland were his major stopping posts before he signed at Zaragoza a year ago.

The good news on Boskov's arrival was that UEFA's 25th anniversary amnesty cuts back drastically the European ban on star right winger Juanito - he'll be available for international action from next January. But there are a lot of gaps to fill.

Quique Wolff is leaving, an unfortunate absence forced on Madrid by the new regulations regarding the number of foreigners per team. The Argentine allrounder has played exceptionally both in midfield, as stopper and sweeper during his two years at Chamartin and his displeasure at being released was understandable.

THE GLORY DAYS BACK FOR AJAX

AJAX are back in their old habit of winning.

The 1978-79 season has been one big triumph for the team from Amsterdam, winning both the Cup and league title. In the past 16 matches of the league schedule, Ajax drew only three times, winning the remainder of their matches in a style reminiscent of their way of playing in the 1970-73 period.

Rud Krol is now their most important man (he will stay in Amsterdam and signed a new three-year contract) but the real strength of the team is the collective way of playing.

The defenders, midfield players and strikers all have the ability of running without the ball, creating opportunities for each other.

A perfect example of a player who is very useful to his colleagues is English-born Ray Clarke, the centre-forward bought this season from Sparta Rotterdam for a fee of 200,000 pounds.

Clarke himself scored 38 goals this season (26 in the league, six in the Dutch Cup and six in the European Cup) but also creates more chances for his team-mates than his predecessor Ruud Geels (now at Anderlecht).

The result is that Soren Lerby (16 goals), Frank Arnesen (13), Tschue La Ling (14) and Dick Schoemaker (7) are also in the top-scorer list.

To reach the finals Ajax played against second Division EVV Eindhoven (home win, but only 3-2) and Roda JC Kerkrade (home 3-0). The quarter and semi-finals are on a home and away basis; Ajax beat Fortuna SC Sittard 2-0 twice, then Volendam 3-3 and 1-1 (Ajax going through on away-goals).

FC Twente had a much heavier programme. First 5-0 Veeendam (4-1 at home), then away against FC Den Haag (The Hague) (2-2, Twente winning after a penalty-decider). Then came AZ 67 Alkmaar (1-1, 2-0) and PSV Eindhoven (4-2, 0-1).

The line-ups were: Ajax: Schrijvers, Meutstege, Krol, Winjberg, Everse, Schoemaker, Arnesen, Lerby, Ling (Frkens, 80 min), Clarke, Tahamata.

FC Twente: Van Gerven, Strijdeven (Lindsted, 59 min) Drost, Overweg, Zondervan, Oost, van der Valt, Pahlplatz, Bos, Gritter, Thoresen.

This time Ajax were much the better team. Twente had no chance. The first goal was scored (again!) by Clarke when he met a cross from Arnesen after 26 minutes.

After half time Simon Tahamata (a Moluccan-born small, but very popular new international of Ajax) hammered a 30-yard shot to make it 2-0 after minutes. Dick Schoemaker scored the third with a diving header.

Other results of the 1978-79 league season:

- FC VV Venlo and FC Volendam were relegated.
- Excelsior Rotterdam got promotion.
- Four other teams play a special competition for the second promotion place. They are FC Groningen, Fortuna SC Sittard, Telstar IJmuiden and Willem II Tilburg.
- The top of the topscorer list: 1. Kees Kist (AZ 67) 34 goals, 2. Ray Clarke (Ajax) 23, 3. Theo de Jong (Roda JC)

Rivera retires

From JIM COOK

Gianni Rivera has retired.

He made his decision after leading AC Milan to its 10th league championship.

Rivera, 36, will now concentrate on his management role at Milan.

Queens Park Rangers forked out 250,000 pounds for 19-year-old goalkeeper Chris Woods who has been living under the shadow of Peter Shilton with Notts Forest. Wood, who has under 21 honours for England, starred in the 1978 League Cup final at Wembley when Forest beat Liverpool before beating them in the replay.

Bulgaria, routed 3-0 by England in June, has fired all officials connected with the side.

Alan Buckley, the Walsall striker who cost Birmingham City 175,000 pounds in October last year, has returned to his former club for the same fee to take over as player-manager.

Scotland's long-awaited Nations Cup tie against Belgium is now to be played at Hampden Park on December 18.

Pensioner George Mercer of Balham, South London who recently won \$2,891 pounds for a 42 pence stake on the Soccer Pools said "I wouldn't cross the road to see a game." That's gratitude from the 71-year-old who can live it up to the rest of his life - thanks to soccer.

St Mirren, the Scottish Premier League side that sold striker Frank McGarvey to Liverpool for 300,000 pounds has offered 100,000 pounds for First Division Clydebank's striker Frank McDougall.

Scotland, back on the rails after its crushing 4-0 win over Norway in Oslo, plays three of its four remaining, European championship matches in Glasgow.

Stoke City has recruited Dutch star Loek Ussen from the AZ67 club for the bargain price of 60,000 pounds.

Manchester City, Leeds and Everton are all reported to be ready to bid 750,000 pounds for Spurs and England under 21 midfielder Glen Hoddle whose present contract has now expired with the London club. Hoddle was in Australia with Spurs in 1976.

Derby defender Roy McFarland capped 28 times for England, is another who is on the move after rejecting a new contract. Wolves, Birmingham and Coventry City are all battling for his signature.

Norwich full back Ian Davies has moved to Newcastle United for 175,000 pounds.


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NEWCASTLE PLAYS FOR YOUTH CUP

By JACK MATHEWS

Indications are that one group of teams to play in the Coca-Cola World Youth Soccer Championship series to be played in Australia in 1981 will be based in Newcastle.

Plans for the important tournament have not yet been completed but preliminary blueprints suggest this will be the final decision.

It is expected that each group will comprise four teams to meet in a round robin competition.

The host for teams in a group allocated to Newcastle would be KB United and, acting on the assumption that present suggestions will be adopted, the club is already making tentative plans.

It is probable that the KB United's main administration

will appoint a committee to begin immediate planning for such things as players' accommodation, sponsorships, entertainment and the thousand and one details which must come under review.

The matches will, of course, be played at the International Sports Centre which is likely to have some changes before then. Since plans to use the ground for cricket during summer months seem to have been shelved, a proposal is to reform the area so that it becomes a standard football field — that is, with spectator accommodation closer to the sidelines that is now possible on one side of the ground.

If that is done, there is no doubt that the International Sports Centre, already one of the best playing areas in Australia, will become the best football pitch, both from players and spectators' viewpoints, in the country.

In tune for Adel. City

Newcastle KB United team manager-coach, Alan Vest, has stepped up his players' training this week in preparation for the important match against highly-placed Adelaide City at the International Sports Centre on Saturday.

Vest is highly confident that his team will be good enough to again at least share the points with the Adelaide side.

When KB United played the South Australian team in Adelaide in a fifth round match in the premiership on April 8, neither side was able to break the other's defence.

Vest regards that as one of the team's top efforts this season, since the players did not have an easy trip from Newcastle, some having to overcome minor illnesses. But the team played well as a unit and gave the Adelaide City side many anxious moments.

Some of the KB United players had to receive extra attention after the hard physical clash with Brisbane City in Brisbane last Sunday but Vest is hopeful that all will be fit for Saturday's match.

It should be a spectacular fixture since both sides are hard to beat and with the KB United midfield working particularly well, the smart and sharp Adelaide City attack will find it difficult to crash through.

The Adelaide team's rearguard will not have an easy task containing the KB offensive unit so well headed by Ken Boden.

Edgworth crashes

In a recent issue of 'Soccer Action' we told of the amazing sequence of matches without defeat achieved by Edgworth in the Northern N.S.W. Soccer Federation's First Division.

Edgworth, defending the premiership it won last season, had played 43 matches without defeat at the time the report appeared.

Then, two days later, came the crash Edgworth lost to West, 2-1.

However, it has some consolation. That is that it will be a long time before its record of 43 matches without defeat will be equalled.

The club has decided that the 100,000th man, woman or child to pass through the turnstiles will be given free admission to the club's home matches FOR LIFE!

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Peter Willis (left) of Newcastle KB United follows through with his clearance as Elwyn Roberts of APIA-Leichhardt arrives on the scene too late.

Gosford is set for big league

The Philips League championship match between Newcastle KB United and Sydney City in the 23rd round of the series and set down for Sunday September 2 on Sydney City Club's ground will be moved forward one day and will also be transferred to Gosford on the Central Coast of NSW.

This follows a suggestion from KB United which is much alive to the need to take the game to other than accepted centres.

There is a big following for the game in the Gosford district. It is being carefully nursed by a live, enthusiastic administration.

It is likely that Gosford will gain a place in the Northern NSW State League competition, now on the drawing board to begin next season and embracing clubs in the North, New England and North Coast areas with teams from Newcastle, Tamworth, Armidale, Lismore, Grafton, Coffs Harbour-Coolangatta, Glen Innes and other prominent centres.

Security called in, PSL takes action

THE Newcastle KB United Club alert Security Force was called into action for the second time in a short period when some officials and players from APIA-Leichhardt Club moved menacingly towards the referee at the end of the match in which the team was defeated in Newcastle recently.

The referee, Mr Peter Ramplay of Sydney, had caused some dissatisfaction among supporters of both clubs but it was those from the Sydney club who seemed likely to cause undue incident when play ended. However, members of the Security Force quickly protected the referee and sent would-be demonstrators packing from the ground in smart time.

There was considerable lack of courtesy in the APIA-Leichhardt team dressing room later. A KB United official,

charged with the task of ensuring that the visiting players had all they wanted towels, medical attention and such things — was hustled from the room in a most brusque manner.

However, this incident was allowed to pass without more than formal protest but, apparently, because of the referee's report at least one prominent APIA-Leichhardt official was called to appear before the League's committee. Last night (Tuesday). Because of deadlines we are unable to report on the committee's decision.

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Makedonia lucky to escape

ALBION 2 PRESTON 3

Scorers: McIntyre 39th, Greenan 47th (Albion) McMillan 14th, 72nd, Flavell 38th (Preston).

Ground: Selwyn Park, Sunshine. Attendance: 1000 (estimate).

Conditions: fine.

ALBION — Johnson — Hyne (McLeod hit), Blair, Nisbet, Thompson (Stewart 77th) — Wark, Greenan, Reilly, McIntyre — McCormack, D'Sylva.

PRESTON — Clayton — Petrovski, Garthwaite, Higham, Bees — Faulkner, Leibel, Flavell — Turfield (Masnikovski 88th), McMillan, Cullen.

Referee Tommy Stirling was not a popular man at the end of a gruelling State League game which both sides dearly wanted to win.

Albion players claimed he awarded a penalty that wasn't and Preston officials claimed that a foul on Robert Cullen which wasn't awarded led to Albion's second goal.

Whatever the argument, Preston can count themselves lucky to have away from this one with two points.

Their reshuffled back line looked extremely brittle against Mick D'Sylva's silky skills and Greenan and Reilly's hard running from midfield.

D'Sylva, the only Indian born player in the State League, has come on a ton this year but will be even better once he adds a streak of killer instinct to his attributes.

In the game he created two great openings with his deft touches but his finishing lacked bite. The first came a minute from half time when he lashed into McCormack's through pass and beat a Preston defender with ease only to put his shot past the keeper but wide of the far post.

The second came at the 66th minute when he again beat a Preston man, but Greenan down the right while a ground down the centre to get on to the Greenan's eventual cross. The move gave the goal of the match but Albion's final header was weak and Clay fed it up with ease.

Preston fared better with their hit and the lead as early as the 14th. Ljube Petrovski's free kick found a player in the penalty area, stepped over the ball allowing McShane to shoot while Johnson's vial ball until late, and the ball trickled into the net past the keeper's fingers.

McMillan hit the side netting a brief low cross sped past an opponent before Mr Stirling awarded a controversial penalty for handball — did involuntary — by Alex Wark. Cullen, supercharged by the Albion 1 stepped up to the spot kick and away to Johnson's right.

Albion hit back almost immediately kept themselves in the swim. G capped a good run down the right fl an equally good cross and Bill McMillan on hand to steer the ball home again former club.

The goal that raised Preston's dig was scored two minutes after the Greenan fastened on to the ball's tussle — dare I say foul? — with Cullen off on his hat-trick, then inside left being a shot past Clayton for the equ.

The goal set off Preston's panic and the supporters began to sound a pleasure but George McMillan got the book when he bobbed up to score near, crashing in a shot off the post for Petrovski's short corner. — Peter D

Croydon back in the four

CROYDON 3 GG-AJAX 1

Scorers: Croydon — Tront 37th, Wyllie 54th, Brogan 57th Green Gully — Klarin 36th. Ground: Croydon Park.

CROYDON CITY: Edwards — Spink, McCombe, Pongho, Hohson — Smith, Tront, Murphy — Longhouse, Brogan, Wyllie.

GREEN GULLY: Denys — Donaldson, Patten (Daniels, Cain, Crilly — Thomson, Vojtek, Vassallo — Mutic, Klarin, Pavlovskic (Belter).

Croydon City put on a Jekyll and Hyde performance against Green Gully, and kept back into the top four.

The previous week, against Slavia, Croydon's performance bordered on pathetic, but the Croydon players bounced back on a much better display against GG Ajax.

There were two changes made by coach Norma Hobson. The first was the introduction of Charlie Murphy for his first full game of the year, and the return of winger Peter Loughane after injury.

The players omitted were Harry McKinlay and Roy Hamilton.

Murphy had a good game in midfield, and had a hand in two of Croydon's three goals.

The first goal for Croydon came a minute after Mick Klarin had put Green Gully into the lead. Klarin smacked the ball home from close range after a Billy Vojtek made his way into the Croydon area.

The equaliser came when Jim Wyllie and Loughane worked well on the flank before Loughane crossed for Joe Tront to head home.

In the second half, Murphy carried the ball forward and exchanged passes with Duncan Smith before sending a long cross for Wyllie to head home with ease.

The second goal set Croydon on fire, and soon after Murphy hit a shot that goalkeeper Len Denys could only parry to Dave Brogan, who followed up and scored.

After taking the initiative in the second half, Croydon looked good and outplayed Green Gully.

Steve McCombe was good for Croydon, and was supported by Gary Hobson.

GEO. CROSS 1 SLAVIA 1

Scorers: Monaghan 15th (S), Cowan 75th (G).

Ground: Olympic Park. GEORGE CROSS: Matson — Runcie (Curtjens), Hooper, Matfield, Barron — Bergman, Cowan, Paparaz.

PRAHRAN SLAVIA: McPherson — Thompson (Pye), Westley, Lawson, Cullen — Train, Cooke, Brindle — Monaghan, Aldridge, Williams.

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Cross recru

George Cross has signed a fullback from top Irish club, tully and expects him to arrive in Australia within a fortnight.

The unnamed player will be second Irishman to join the club. The other is St. Danian Morgan.

George Cross spokesman Zolara stressed the import is signed to strengthen the team next season.

"This season is almost over, so we are thinking of future."

Ward appeal

Preston Makedonia will be against the three-match ban imposed on leading goalscorer Ward.

Ward will receive the penalty in incident following Makedonia's game against Albion on July 1, has scored goals in the State League.

The Victorian Soccer Federation Tribunal will hear appeal tonight (Wednesday).

ALTONA 2 JUVENTUS

Scorers: Altona — Whyte 65th, Taylor 82nd Jon Lucchesi 75th.

ALTONA CITY: van der Poel — Lewis, Greenberg, Hill — Buckley (Watkins), Whyte, J. Little — Cn Taylor, Train.

JUVENTUS: Reilly — Schubert, Vaughan, Delle F. (Cullen) — Scott (Gardner), C. Lucchesi, Schubert (C. Lucchesi), McMillan, O'Brien.

Juventus had a chance to win the first half but it was Altona who had a second invitation when points were in sight in the second half.

Altona made the most of its good fortune from the first half, and capitalised on chances in the second stanza to render of finishing in the top four.

Juventus can only ponder what have been. In only Bruno Sabidussi, have missed an easy chance to score. Claude Lucchesi had beaten the goal when all on his own.

These chances came early in the and would have set Juve on the path to glory. As it was, Juve was fortunate a goal down at the interval after Jack had saved a penalty.

Reilly saved George Train's place kick. The penalty was awarded at Della Rocca had fouled John Little.

Billy Whyte, who had been outstanding in midfield, put Altona into the lead header from a Peter Lewis cross in minute.

Juventus pulled back to level ten John Lucchesi, a substitute for Tony converted after a good cross from Claude.

However, Altona scored the winner minutes from the end when Bob Train shed off good work by Stuart Cancell.

Altona was best served by Whyte, Hill, Lewis and Little. Juventus had scorers in Bobby McPherson, Targinio and Peter Vaughan.

HAKOAH 1 SUNSHINE

Scorers: L. Nagy 10th (H) Coyle 1 85th (S).

Ground: Middle Park. HAKOAH ST. KILDA: O'Hara — Doonan, Baker, S. Nagy — Gibson (Toppelmann), Jordan — Rooney, Nagy (Kinnear), Barry McPherson.

SUNSHINE CITY: Clarke — Dine Lowe, Morovic — Muszell, Howe (Hart), Espalato — Paisley, D. Nelson R.

A second half substitution by coach Walker paved the way for Sunshine to win the match.

Walker replaced winger Dave Nell midfielder Kieron Coyle, who scored great goals to dump Hakoah.

The move of intruder Coyle was one of several bold changes by Walker made four changes to his starting lineup in midfielder Andy Espalato, back Mike Dixey, who served a suspension. Hugh Howe went from t to midfield and Rob Nelson from m to striker.

The moves paid dividends in the half, when Sunshine took command over the top of the ragged Hakoah. Hakoah collapsed completely in the second half, and this allowed Sunshine to assert control.

A goal from Les Nagy in the 10th gave Hakoah the lead. Sean Rooney n goal with a brilliant run, but Hakoah added to the score, mainly due to fine sweeper Nick Lowe and determined Dixey.

Showing greater endeavour in the half, Sunshine equalised when Coyle a header past Mike O'Hara after a C. Espalato.

Sunshine stormed forward and winner five minutes from time hit a remarkable shot past O'Hara.

Ireland import Shraggy Toppelmann debut for Hakoah, but it is unfair to him on his 20 minutes of play. He trained seriously for two months arrived in this country only four days ago.

Dave Rigby and Ian Gibson star in midfield, and Hakoah needs greater from these players. Defenders Andy did well, and David Baker had a steal at sweeper.

No, you aren't seeing things! Newcastle clubmates Ken Boden (right) and Roy Drinkwater tussle with each other in a KB v. Australia trial game.

Hectic schedule

When Newcastle KB United submitted its application for admission to the Philips Soccer League of Australia it promised that it would do much to promote the code in places as far removed from its immediate area.

It cannot be denied that the club has faithfully lived up to that promise. But it is far from satisfied with its herculean efforts so far and has big plans for the future development of the game in faraway places.

Never a day passes without some facet of promotion being undertaken. As an instance, the programme completed since KB United played APIA-Leichhardt at the International Sports Centre on Saturday, July 7 to the match against Brisbane City in Brisbane on Sunday, July 15.

The players had taken part in 12 training and coaching sessions. Most of them had given, in all, 21 hours of their time in coaching youngsters in junior clubs, and at schools.

Those most actively engaged being Alan Vest, the team's manager-coach, Kevan Kelan, Ken Boden, Phil Dando and Bill Summerscales. These tasks took them as far afield as Singleton which is 50-60 miles from Newcastle.

In addition to that, many of the players visited clubs to help in any manner sought of them.

And the club's top officials are no less active. As an instance, Mr Paul Trisley, the club's live-wire, highly efficient secretary, who is one of the North's leading legal lights, has given most generously of his time. He also went to Singleton to address a Catholic Dinner Club on the virtues of Soccer and a few nights later was the guest speaker at the Hamilton Apex Club, again spreading the gospel of the game.

He is readily available to anyone who seeks information or advice about the game. He is master of a hundred and one details which crop up each week.

These are not exceptional phases of the work of the players or the club's officials. They are the norm and the happenings were, by week.



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VICTORIAN STATE LEAGUE ROUND UP

with Kyle Patterson

Bilaver sent off

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Scorer — Ged Bannan 21st
Ground — Centenary Park Nth Frankston
Crowd — 1500 (estimate)

Frankston: Petersen, V. Bannan, Adams, McCluskey, Parrott, T. Young, G. Bannan, Coulson, Swinscoe, Mitten, B. Young (Tulloch 83rd)

Croatia: Blasby, Smart, Kokoska, Short (capt), Bilaver (sent off 87th), Adams (Cullen 83rd), Andrews, Gardiner, Cumming, Gilder, Murphy

Referee — Bernie Upjohn.

Cautions — T. Young, Parrott (Frankston), Kokoska (Essendon).

Frankston strides forward to what has to be its first State League championship win. For no amount of emotional juggling can produce any other result.

On Sunday they laid down the ghost that Frankston could not win without the help of guest stars.

They matched Essendon Croatia in every department and created as many clear-cut chances as the feared trio of Cumming, Gilder, and Murphy.

The match could in fact have been a high scoring one but Blasby and Petersen in either goal denied the forwards with some great saves.

Referee Upjohn took a very stern line, sending off Ante Bilaver for dissent late in the match and booking three players — Kokoska for a foul on Mitten, Tony Young for dissent and Parrott for a foul on Cumming.

Cumming, playing despite a bout of flu, was subdued for the greater part of the match by Parrott but still managed to be Essendon's most effective forward.

In the second half he laid on a flash of his magic, flicking the ball delicately over a defender in the six yard box, then smashing a shot before it hit the ground but Petersen denied him the goal, saving at point blank range.

Essendon had started the match like a house on fire and for 20 solid minutes restricted the leaders to their own half.

Gilder headed over the bar from Murphy's corner. Gardiner had a free kick saved. Petersen turned a Murphy shot round the post and in the fifth minute Bob Adams funnelled back in time to kick off the line after Gilder broke through on his own and beat the keeper with his angled drive.

Frankston's best efforts had been in Swinscoe shot which was deflected and a Coulson free kick which gave Blasby no trouble.

But in the 21st minute the aspiring champions scored a brilliant goal which will live long in Ged Bannan's memory.

Willie Coulson started the move with a crossfield ball to Vince Bannan on the half way line. The full back, overlapped down the right, then slipped the ball inside to Mitten who turned and laid across for the onrushing Bannan to smash into the roof of the net.

Five minutes later Blasby pulled off a good save following a similar move, this time involving Coulson, Ged Bannan, and Mitten, with Swinscoe making the final shot.

After 28 minutes Parrott brought down Gilder outside the area and from the well-worked free kick, Grant Smart found himself with a good angle to shoot but he misused and wasted the opportunity.

Frankston replied with a Bruce Young dash down the right wing then across to the head of Mitten with Blasby saving again.

The second half was an anti climax after the action packed first 45 minutes.

Couch Freddie bunce made himself house tongue-lashing his forwards who could have sealed the match within six minutes of the restart.

Mitten and Swinscoe both had shots saved, then Mitten broke through on the left and beat the keeper with his shot but the ball trickled around the wrong side of the post.

Both defences were well on top for the rest of the game although Cumming did his little bit of magic, put a header across goal, which caused havoc before being cleared, and also had a shot deflected after a Gardiner breakaway.

The remainder of the action centred around the Bilaver send off. The player swore at the referee over a decision after a clash with Ged Bannan.

Mr Upjohn put up the red card with no hesitation much to Bilaver's amazement and he had to practically be dragged off the field by his team mates. — PETER DUSIRA

Voting

This week's votes in the "Soccer Action" — General Tourist Service Victorian State League player of the year award:

ALBION v MAKEDONIA
3 Greechan (A)
2 McMillan (M)
1 Reilly (A)

FRANKSTON v CROATIA
3 Adams (F)
2 Blasby (C)
1 Gardiner (F)

CROYDON v GG AJAX
3 Murphy (C)
2 Hobson (C)
1 Vassallo (GG)

ALTONA v JUVENTUS
3 Whyte (A)
2 McGuinness (J)
1 Hird (A)

HAKOAH v SUNSHINE
3 Lowe (S)
2 Rooney (H)
1 R. Nelson (S)

GEO. CROSS v SLAVIA
3 Hooper (GG)
2 Thompson (S)
1 Train (S)

Leading votegetters —
19 Cullen (Mak)
14 Whyte (Alb)
13 T. Young (Frank)

12 Williams (Slav)
11 Adams (Frank's), Loh (Hak), Ellis (Suns)
10 D'Sylva (Alb), Gilder, Cumming (Cro), Aldridge (Slav)

9 Klarin, Vojtek (Ajax), C. Lucchesi, McGuinness (Juve)
Leading goalscorers —
12 Ward (Mak)

10 Gilder (Cro)
9 Mitten (Frank)
8 Swinscoe (Frank), McMillan (Mak)

6 Cumming (Cro), Loh (Hak)
5 Murphy (Cro), C. Lucchesi (Juve), Cullen (Mak)

EDGLEY QUILTS

By KYLE PATTERSON

The turbulent reign of Brian Edgley came to an end when the Essendon Croatia coach resigned last weekend.

Edgley quit Croatia after being under considerable pressure recently, and probably would have been sacked if he didn't leave voluntarily.

"I was sick of the strain and interference," said Edgley, "and I knew the club was hunting for my head. I was tempted to leave before now, but made up my mind to quit after the game against Frankston, regardless of the result."

It seems likely that John Gardiner and Duple Zemunik will be given control of the Croatia team. Gardiner, who coached Essendon Croatia last season, resumed playing with the club a month ago after a lengthy dispute.

Essendon manager Frank Buris said the committee would prefer the new coach to come from within the club, which narrows the field considerably. An outsider for the position is Steve Shert, the Essendon Croatia defender.

For the past two weeks, John Gardiner has been coaching the Essendon squad under the instruction of Edgley. This signalled the beginning of the end.

Surprisingly, Edgley survived a committee meeting two weeks ago at which the coaching position was discussed.

"The club had the opportunity to get rid of me," said Edgley, "but I never knew why the committee called so many aimless meetings. At one stage, there was a special meeting every week, whether the team won, lost or drew."

This week, Croatia faces George Cross, which also underwent coaching changes recently.

Dave Maclaren, the former South Melbourne boss, has the task of rejuvenating George Cross.

However, the Cross must be on its toes this week, because the last time it played Croatia it received a 6-1 thrashing.

George Cross is still to sort itself out. Coach Maclaren has many players at his disposal, but coming up with the right combination will be hard.

He must choose three forwards from Damian Morgan, Tony Cowan, Brian Thom, Jim Paparas and Ray

Mizzi. In midfield, Michael Wilson, Tony Castiello, John Bernard, Calico Mitoud and Billy Wilkinson (when fit) will fight it out for three midfield places.

The match of the week will be at Croydon Park where the local team takes on championship challenger Preston Makedonia.

Croydon bounced back in grand style to defeat Green Gully 3-1 at home after a disastrous away loss to bottom team Slavia.

Playing at home on the confined Croydon Park, Croydon has a chance to upset Preston, which will be without Gary Ward (suspended) and maybe Mike Rainey (injured).

Croydon has lost only one of its six home games this season (0-3 v Croatia), and has won three successive home games.

Joe Tront, Charlie Murphy and Duncan Smith form a well-balanced midfield, and Peter Loughnane is back into action on the forward line after a spell of injury.

But the defence of Croydon must hold George McMillan and Robert Cullen if the team is to win. Preston certainly faces a danger game.

Top plays bottom at Selwyn Park. Frankston, unbeaten in 13 championship matches, takes on Albion, cemented in last place.

Albion, with Mike D'Sylva, Gerry Reilly and Kit Greechan firing, worried Makedonia last week at Selwyn Park.

Frankston can't be over-confident because of Albion's position, and will need Noel Mitten and Kevin Swinscoe firing.

However, the way Frankston is performing at present, it's hard to see it slipping up against Albion.

Juventus and Sunshine City clash at Olympic Park in a match that will have a say in both teams' top four hopes.

Sunshine can mount a challenge if it wins, but Juventus may go too far ahead if the Italian side takes the points.

Juventus, which has lost two in a row after a fine run of six games without defeat, must get back on course with a win.

Coach Tony Boggi had done a good job to lift Juventus into a top of the table unit, and will not want to see that good work wasted in the second half of the season.

Sunshine is on the way back after a lean patch, and with a reshuffled team will test Juventus.

Hakoah is once again in the unhappy position of seeing its team-building come to nothing. Injury has been the main factor in Hakoah's plans going astray.

Hakoah is not far enough away from the bottom of the table to relax and forget about relegation and will need more effort from experienced players like Dave Rigby and Ian Gibson to see the team through the difficult period.

Slavia will not give anything away, as it is in more trouble than Hakoah, being just one point clear of the basement team Albion.

Overall, Slavia looks to be on the way back, and has picked up three points from the past two games after a nightmare spell in which the team lost six out of seven games and earned only one point in that time.

Slavia will win this game if the players show determination to back up the efforts of the side's talented ball players.

Another important game is Green Gully v Altona at Kim Reserve. Both teams are in with a chance for an attack on fourth spot, but must win this vital game to start a push.

Gully fell last weekend to Croydon, but the midfield of Billy Vojtek, Willie Vassallo and Les Thomson is doing well. Mick Klarin has notched a few goals in his new role as a forward, but the defence has been inconsistent.

Altona has Stuart Cannell and Harry Hird playing well in defence, and Billy Whyte doing a job in midfield. A draw is the likely result.

SATURDAY
Hakoah v Slavia (Middle Park).

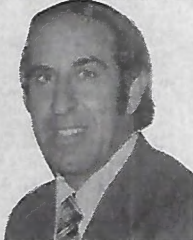
Albion v Frankston (Selwyn Park).

George Cross v Croatia (Olympic Park).

SUNDAY
Juventus v Sunshine (Olympic Park).

Altona v Green Gully (Kim Reserve).

Croydon v Makedonia (Croydon Park).



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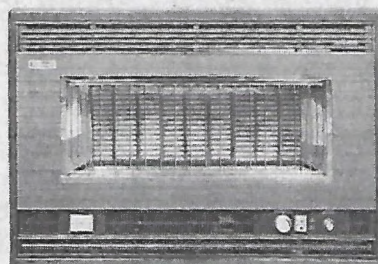
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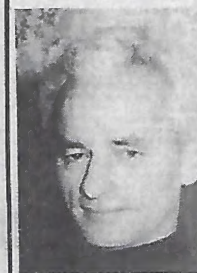
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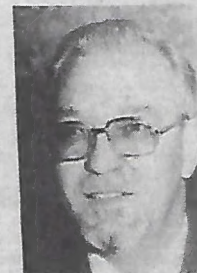
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By LAURIE SCHWAB

St Albans' recently-appointed player-coach Mane Bijajic is determined that the club's 25th anniversary will not be remembered as the year of disaster.

Bijajic returned to the playing field after three years to drag the Saints out of the darkness of the Second Division relegation zone.

The first two games in which he played resulted in a 2-1 victory over Fitzroy-Alexander and a sensational 3-3 draw with league leader Port Melbourne. St Albans may still be last, but there is now light at the end of the tunnel.

"Our team is made up mainly of young boys who came up through the club's juniors. We have only one or two experienced players," Bijajic said.

"But I feel that they will continue to improve. The most important thing is to stay in the Second Division and I hope we will do so."

The task has been made more difficult by injuries to Peter Koland and young players to lift the club at which they grew up.

"They know they have a proud tradition to uphold, for the Saints were once a mighty force. Promoted from Second Division in 1965 they made a strong bid for the State League the following year but were beaten on goal average by Makedonia, which they beat in both encounters, 3-1 and 1-4."

In 1967 they made another determined effort to be promoted but were unable to catch Ringwood Wilhelmina. Fortunes have fluctuated since, but the Saints showed remarkable fighting spirit to win their way back into the First Division in 1972 after being relegated in 1970.

The worst year was 1977 when they dropped back to Second Division after finishing last but hopefully the performance graph is now on the up-swing to mark the club's 25th birthday.

Committee member Vince Jakob, who has been there since the start, says St Albans has suffered from lack of identification with a particular ethnic group.

The club was started by Slovenians and in the mid-sixties it was mainly German but for most of its 25 years it has been a mixture of many nationalities.

Such a club should be ideally suited to a multi-cultural, polyglot community like St Albans, but not so!

Vince Jakob believes the club failed to get the necessary ethnic power base. Another explanation would be that over the past 10 years, the Saints' on-field achievements have not inspired sufficient interest.

But if the results have not been spectacular, at least St Albans has been producing players from its junior ranks and promoting them through to the senior team. When all Metropolitan League clubs do the same, soccer will be better off.

The most successful St Albans junior product is goal-keeper Lou Denys who is now with State League club Green Gully Ajax after spending 11 years with Saints. Branko Culina also came from the St Albans juniors. He left to join the Croatia reserves, returned to Saints to play senior soccer and is now back with Croatia in the State League.

Young Fred Beller left only a few weeks ago to join Ajax and George Waters also plays State League, with Altona City. Rudi Schaeffner has been a star with Victorian junior representative teams. He recently joined Keilor Austria.

Spiro Frapopoulos could perhaps have played in the State League but he always chose to stay with the Saints. He is club president now and, after 16 seasons (he's still playing in the reserves), he is by far the Saints' longest-serving player.

St Albans was born in 1953 and played friendly games until it was officially registered in the Fourth Division Reserves in 1954. Founder members were Vince and Joe Jakob, Miro Milenkovic, Ante Anastovic, Anton Feist, Dominio Sapulovic, Dave Day and a few other young fellows who wanted to play soccer. The first president was Eric Alan who later became Mayor of Kor.

Lale Klaus, Mike Vasjuta, Mike Jasilj, E. Gerlek, Fritz Schwab, P. Simonis, D. Gavigan, F. Feist, and J. Goellner were among other pioneers at St Albans.

Peter Ermstrang, who was elected in 1963, was the longest-serving president. He was also with Seymour and St Kilda (Castfield).

It was in 1965, 1966 and 1967, when Ermstrang, Schwab, Milenkovic and Vince Jakob were among the club's leaders, that St Albans enjoyed its greatest success. The Second Division title of 1965 remains the club's only championship.

Back in 1955, Saints struggled to finish second last in Metro South, which comprised only six teams: Brunswick won it with 23 points, followed by Croatia 20, Yarra Park 15, Port Melbourne 12, St Albans 11 and Rosebud 9.

Saints improved in 1956 to finish third behind Hajduk and Lions in Metro North, but Saints were a distant eighth points behind the lead.

In 1957 the senior team finished sixth behind ICI, Lions, Heidelberg, University, and Bayswater but future stars were emerging in the club's under 20 team.

The 71 goals scored by the under 20s was the highest tally in the league, although they managed only third place behind Juventus and St Kilda.

The 1958 team, featuring long-serving Erich Bartkowiak, Matze Landherr, Guenter Weiland and Branko Miller, finished third-last, while Corio won the championship from Croatia and Fiorentina, but in 1959 the Saints improved to finish sixth behind Moonee Ponds.

The best of St Albans' young players were included in the "Germany" representative team which won the 1959 Laidlaw "World Cup" for under 21 teams. Among the young stars were Guenter Gerick, Kurt Goettlicher, Bartkowiak, Landherr and Weiland. Fritz Schwab was team manager.



St Albans, 1958, standing from left: Guenter Bormann, Fritz Aldeschulte, Klaus Krummo, Guenter Marwede, Erich Bartkowiak, Hans Dorn, Henry Liszkievicz, Bruno Simonis. Front: Guenter Weiland, Gerhard Torner, Branko Miller, Matze Landherr.



The 1959 "Germany" representative team, which won the Laidlaw "World Cup" for under 21s. It contained St Albans' best young players. Standing from left: Guenter Gerick, Ralf Eggert, Fritz Schwab (team manager), Hans Dorn, Franz Marth, Hans Schnepf, Bodo Bormann. Front: Kurt Goettlicher, Adolf Windt, Erich Bartkowiak, Matze Landherr, Guenter Weiland.



Lou Denys — had about 10 years with Saints before switching to Ajax.

In 1960 the Olympia junior club, also based in St Albans, was starting to flex its muscles. The under 14s reached the third round of the Liston Cup and the under 12s, after beating Hellas 6-0 on the way, beat Sunshine 2-1 in the final of the Blue Riband Cup, only to lose the trophy on a protest.

The fortunes of the Polish boys from Olympia are important in the history of St Albans for the two clubs were to amalgamate briefly in 1965.

Meanwhile, Saints continued to plod along, finishing fourth to Lions in 1960 and third last in 1961 when Alexander won the championship by five points from Sicilia.

Coburg ran away with the 1962 title, thrashing St Albans 11-0 on the way, but at least Saints didn't do as badly as the newly-formed Waterside Workers' Federation team which lost all 22 games in the league and had a disgraceful goal average of 11-100.

The year 1963 saw Peter Ermstrang taking over from Simonis as president. Zlatko Eclimovic was secretary, John Sabo treasurer and Zvonko Tusek and Zeljko Smitka the VSF delegates.

Libertas won the league with 41 points, from Bell Park, Geelong Scottish and St Albans which finished fourth with 62.38 goals and 25 points.

In 1964, the Victorian Soccer Federation re-organised its

competitions into the present State League and fourth Metropolitan League divisions. This put St Albans into Second Division and it started its move to success.

In 1965 came amalgamation with Olympia whose best players, Eddy and Boggie Kupisz, Kaz Klein, Ziggle Nowak and others helped make the St Albans-Olympia team a force in the Second Division. Extra strength was added by the signing of Rolf Beinroth from Lions and the return of Matze Landherr.

The other St Albans players included Werner Klein, Guenter Gerick, Erich Bartkowiak and Spiro Frapopoulos.

When Tad Bialek resigned as coach, Saints replaced him with none other than Paddy Sloan, who had played for Sheffield United, Milan, Arsenal and Ireland and who had coached South Melbourne Hellas.

But there were a few problems with the amalgamation — problems that were to come to a head later at the end of the season when the "marriage" broke up.

Meanwhile Saints went from strength to strength and made sure of promotion when it beat Park Rangers 1-0 with a goal by Landherr.

Saints then went on to win the Second Division title by a stroke of fate when Ferntree Gully and Libertas drew 1-1

near the end of the season, they knocked each other out of contention for the title. Going into the last match Libertas had to beat South Yarra by 18 goals to overtake St Albans — an impossible task.

Saints followed up its championship success in the Armstrong Cup.

A mammoth 8-0 victory over Prahran in the first round was a sign of things to come. Goals were scored by Frapopoulos (2 penalties), Klein (2), B. Kupisz and E. Kupisz.

In the second round, Saints thrashed Waverley 9-0 with goals by Beinroth (3), Klein (2), E. Kupisz, Frapopoulos, Trzaskoma and V. Winkler.

Mighty Hakoah was the next opponent but goals by K. Klein and Beinroth, with a reply by Guenter, gave Saints a 2-1 win made possible by the sterling play of Gerick, Frapopoulos and Beinroth. The team was: Bartkowiak, Gerick, J. Winkler, Landherr, Frapopoulos, B. Kupisz, V. Winkler, E. Kupisz, Klein, Beinroth, Trzaskoma. Reserves: Janiszewski, Cymbalista.

Saints won the Armstrong Cup by beating Wilhelmina 4-2 in the final at Olympic Park. Goals came from Pleban (2), Klein and Landherr while Watson scored the two for Wilhelmina.

The Cup-winning players were: Bartkowiak, Gerick, Frapopoulos, Landherr, Klein, Beinroth, Nowak, Pleban, K. Klein, Trzaskoma, Fitzner, Janiszewski and Cymbalista. Best players for St Albans were Beinroth, Frapopoulos and Nowak.

Saints showed off their soccer magic on an end-of-season trip to Sydney that year, winning the Austrian-German Interstate Cup by beating Alemannia Wollongong 11-3 (goals - Klein 5, Beinroth 4, Pest, Rau) and Rapid Marrickville 11-0 (Pest 4, K. Klein 2, Rau, Klein, Beinroth 2, o.g.).

The Second Division ladder at the end of 1965 showed the top four thus:

ST ALBANS	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Libertas	14	2	6	55	25	38
Ferntree G.	11	8	3	52	26	30
Richmond	13	4	5	71	44	30
Next-came: Ringwood 29, Springvale 27, Brighton 25, Prahran 18, University 17, Park Rangers 15, Bayswater 9, South Yarra 6.	12	5	4	48	29	28



Eddy Kupisz, now with Ardeer.

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Young Saints

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One of Saints' greatest players, Joe Marth (left) clashes with Eddy Jankowski of Polonia.



German Olympic runner Guenter Dohro visited St Albans' Churchill Reserve during the 1956 Olympics. He is pictured with players Kurt Goettlicher (left) and Willi Wentzke.

Olympia became Kellor City after the split with St Albans. It started in the Fourth Division and worked its way up into First Division.

The spirit left St Albans with a shortage of players for 1968 but an ambitious recruiting programme soon took care of that.

The following players were brought to the club:

- Peter Blohm, forward from West Berlin club Reinkendorfer Fuechse, top scorer in the Berlin league in 1964.

- Levente David, Rumanian-born half back who had played State League soccer for five years with Lions in Slavia.

- Stefan Pest, forward from Richmond.

- Johann Hermann, inside forward from Austria.

- Alfred Kleinert, brilliant half-back from State League club Lions.

- Franz Marth and Joe Marth defenders from Lions.

- Goalscorer Peter Ramjak and half back Pino Djekic from Croatia.

- Fred Laslett, goalkeeper from Hollandia Brisbane who had played for Crystal Palace in England.

- Ernie Breitwieser forward from Sunshine City.

- Guenter Weiland from Richmond.



Paddy Sloan — St Albans coach in 1965



Long-serving goal-keeper Erich Bartkowiak

Next came: Dandenong 23, Triestina 20, Athena 20, Coburg 20, Austria 17, Sandringham 14, Libertas 11, Oakleigh 10.

St Albans' top scorers for the season were: 12 Beinroth; 10 Hermann, Blonin, 8 Klein.

Best player was Matze Landherr, followed by Rolf Beinroth and Guenter Gerick.

Having won promotion to the State League, Makedonia came straight back down again at the end of the 1967 season while St Albans was beaten in the promotion race by Wilhelmina.

The First Division ladder of 1967 showed the top four as follows:

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WILHELMINA	18	1	3	83	16	37
St Albans	16	1	5	35	21	33
Austria	11	5	4	41	31	27
Sandringham	11	5	8	36	34	27

Next came: Triestina 24, Sunshine 22, Athena 22, Box Hill 21, Dandenong 15, Moreland 14, Sandringham 13, Coburg 9.

After the 1967 season, St Albans started a downward slide. It finished fifth in 1969, the year Alexander was once again promoted, and was relegated to Second Division in 1970.

Saints started the 1970 season with the following players: Joe Abonyi, Joe Biewer, Mane Bljacec, Ernie Breitwieser, Tony Bulka, Lou Denys, Pino Djukic, Spiro Fragoopoulos, Guenter Hermann, Con Ignatidis, Matze Landherr, George Manzy, Karlo Madi, Franz Marth, Joe Marth, Mike Misic, Alistair McLeod, Brian Ryerson, Phil Webber, Paul Stanic, Klaus Winkler, and Manfred Maurer. Saints consolidated in 1971 when Ajax won the Second Division championship with 39 points, from Mooroolbark 32, Coburg 31, Western Suburbs 28, Albion Rovers 26, Moreland 21, St Albans 20, Richmond 19, Hercules 18, Waverley 16, Sandringham 8 and Brighton 6.

The following year, 1972 Saints were promoted back to the First Division by finishing second. The top four were:

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WEST SUBURBS	14	6	2	55	28	34
St Albans	14	5	3	34	16	33
Makedonia	13	4	5	51	27	30
Hercules	10	5	7	37	28	25

Saints managed a respectable fourth in 1974, when Sunshine City won promotion to State League, with 36 points, from Albion 31, Albion Rovers 29, St Albans 28 and Kellor City 26.

Note that Saints' old partners, Kellor City, were now a power in the first Division, and that teams from the western suburbs were dominating this division.

St Albans had an exceptionally good run in the 1975 Dockerty Cup, beating Port Melbourne 3-0, Corio 4-3, Croydon 2-0, Ringwood United 3-0 and Fawkner 4-0 before losing 1-4 to Melbourne.

However, in the league Saints managed only ninth position as Makedonia won the championship, three points ahead of Ajax.

Ajax, also based at St Albans, made amends by clinching promotion in 1976, finishing with 36 points, two more than Albion, while St Albans slumped to 10th and Kellor City finished last and was relegated. It was St Albans' turn to finish last in 1977 the year Albion Rovers won the championship with 35 points. Saints' record was: one win, two draws, 19 losses, 16 goals for, 80 goals against, four points.

Melbourne and Moreland returned to the First Division last year while St Albans finished eighth with 17 points.

The first ladder of 1966 showed the top four as follows:

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MAKEDONIA	17	3	2	54	10	37
St Albans	17	3	2	56	19	37
Box Hill	13	1	8	42	26	27
Moreland	12	0	10	44	42	24



MANE BLJAJIC, 32, player-coach, midfielder, had five years with St Albans, retired for three years and started playing again only a few weeks ago.



MICK LOMBARDI, 19, forward, from junior, spent time with Green Gully Ajax before returning to Saints.



TONY BRIGGS, 20, defender, from Kellor-Austria juniors.



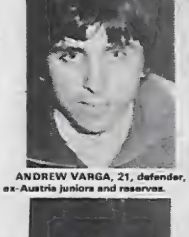
FRANK BROADLEY, 22, forward, product of the Albion City juniors, played for Melbourne for a year and Sunshine City for three years before joining Saints.



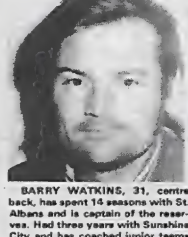
JOHN ALEXOPOULOS, 18, full back, from the juniors.



BORIS VITI, 16, left winger or centre forward, from juniors.



ANDREW VARGA, 21, defender, ex-Austria juniors and reserves.



BARRY WATKINS, 31, centre back, has spent 14 seasons with St Albans and is captain of the reserve. Had three years with Sunshine City and has coached junior teams at St Albans.



TREVOR WATKINS, 28, midfielder, product of the juniors, has been with St Albans for 12 years.



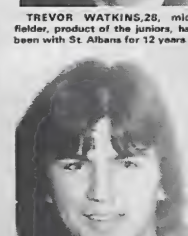
MANNY VELLA, 30, goalkeeper, played in Malta and for Moreland before joining Saints four years ago.



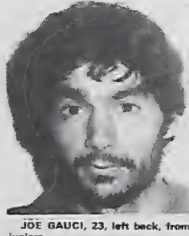
VLADIMIR DIMITRIJEVIC, 28, midfielder, ex-Green Gully Ajax.



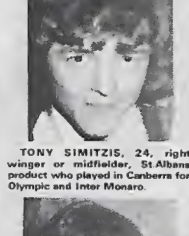
DAVE PRANIC, 17, striker, from juniors.



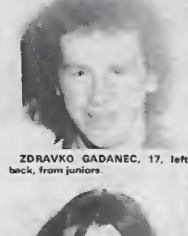
GEORGE SHINAS, 17, goalkeeper, from juniors, represented Victoria at under 14, 15 and 16 levels.



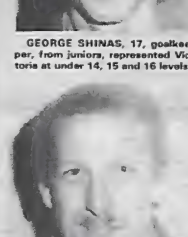
JOE GAUCI, 23, left back, from juniors.



TONY SIMITZI, 24, right winger or midfielder, St Albans product who played in Canberra for Olympic and Inter Monaro.



ZDRAVKO GADANEC, 17, left back, from juniors.



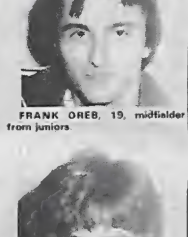
CON SARRIS, 22, midfielder, ex-Albion Rovers juniors.



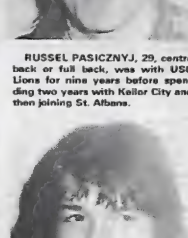
RUSSEL PASICHNY, 29, centre back or full back, was with USC Lions for nine years before spending two years with Kellor City and then joining St Albans.



IVAN KARLOVIC, 30, goalkeeper, formerly with Industrial League team Dicaft.



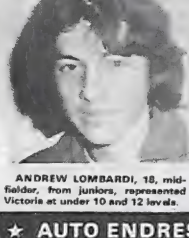
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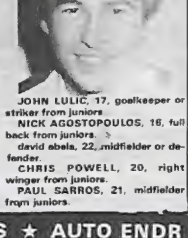
DRAGANE KRKIC, 16, striker, from juniors.



SPIRO FRAGOPOULOS, 36, midfielder and club president. The long-serving player Saints have had, now in his 16th season.



ANDRE LOMBARDI, 18, midfielder, from juniors, represented Victoria at under 10 and 12 levels.



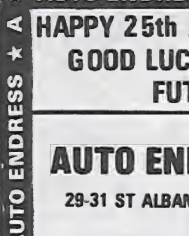
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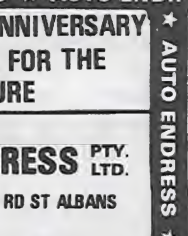
JOE BIEWER, 30, centre back, seven years with Saints, one year with Kellor City.



PETER KOLANDY, 26, left winger, joined from Austria.



DRAGO JURCAN, 26, midfielder, came from Kellor-Austria juniors and played for Austria in the State League before joining Saints.



CHRIS POWELL, 20, right winger from juniors.

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PREMIER LEAGUES

Giampaolo nets three

NSW State League

Soccero Sebastian Giampaolo scored a hat-trick in second-placed

Monaro's 4-1 demolition of Bankstown at the Soccer Centre.

In a brilliant solo effort early in the first half, he jinked his way through the home defence, then slotted the ball past Terry Greedy. Bankstown recovered some territorial advantage as the game progressed with the mid-field four passing well, but Laurie Palec in Monaro's goal was unbeatable.

A quick break by Aldo Charles found Walter Valeri who forced a magnificent save from Greedy to keep the score 1-0 at half time.

Immediately after the break, Valeri stormed through a cross from Giampaolo and hammered the ball into the top of the net.

The Town's defence was caught in a straight line when on the hour, Valeri again broke through.

His shot was parried by Greedy and Giampaolo, following through, pushed the ball in for his second goal.

Again the home team came back, with Chris Rootsey rising to a good ball from Greg Lynn, only to find Palec catching his header.

Monaro's final goal by Giampaolo again came from a pass through the Town's defence.

Substitute Dennis Daley set up a consolation goal for Bankstown by accepting a pass from John Lee, lobbing it over a defender, turning and picking it up to make a low cross.

Just the mouth of Monaro's goal for Norrie Porter to head home.

Croatia showed what champions are made of by twice coming from behind to force 2-2 draw with lowly placed Arncliffe-Seots at Hurstville.

Arncliffe shocked Croatia when in the 9th minute striker Derek Sidey opened the score.

He received a cross from captain Allan Bankhead after Weeper Steve Watson failed to head shot from Richard Schroeder to head the ball past fullback Peter Mullen.

Croatia levelled the score in the 55th minute, Nick Jelica won the throw, Allan Smart to lob it over goalkeeper Norrie Rodgers.

In the 62nd minute Arncliffe hit the front again. From a free kick Schroeder headed the ball past Watson.

From then on it was a heart stopping affair as Croatia started to look for the equaliser, with a magnificent display of goalkeeping by Rodgers keeping them out.

Croatia saved the day in the 89th minute when their star striker Maurice Sullivan scored from close range.

Yugal produced its best form of the season to defeat Paramatta City 2-0 in a fiery match at Garside Park.

There were some successful incidents in the game and the referee issued several cautions before dismissing Alleged Link of Paramatta for foul play.

Hector Martinez of Yugal had an excellent match. His clever ball control and distribution created many gaps.

In the 16th minute, Paramatta's Joe Bernisch won the ball in a goalmouth and prodded it through the packed defence to earn his team two points.

Sutherland maintained their place in the top four by beating close rivals Melita 2-0 at Seymour Shaw Park.

The first goal came in the 26th minute from Peter Beggs after a John Stoddart cross.

The second goal, in the 61st minute, resulted from a fine combination between Beggs and Calig Hall who found the net.

Outstanding players for the home team were Phil Carrag, Bobby Smith and Vic Dal Forno while Beggs was always a dangerous forward.

Paramatta had the best player on the ground in mid-field Joe Farrugia.

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ADELAIDE CITY

G.P.O. BOX 1262L, ADELAIDE, 5001 (08) 332 5614

SECRETARY: G. Ursini (08) 31 0778

COACH: R. Rasic

GROUND: Olympic Sports Field, Kensington (08) 31 1844.

COLOURS: Black & White.

This week's match v **NEWCASTLE KB UNITED** at International Sports Centre (Newcastle) Saturday 2.30 pm



BRISBANE LIONS

15 DELPHINUS ST., INALA, QLD. 4077

SECRETARY: S. Boegheim (07) 372 2891

COACH: M. Carson

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne. (07) 52 5328.

COLOURS: All Orange with Blue Stripe.

SPONSOR: Tri-Steel Industries, Fine Steel Buildings

This week's match v **SOUTH MELBOURNE** at Middle Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm



BRISBANE CITY

P. O. Box 265 Broadway, Brisbane 4001

Club phone: 356 8834

SECRETARY: G. Canale bus (07) 52 4711.

COACH: N. Saftich.

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne.

SPONSOR: Montrose Wines & Spirits Pty. Limited
Retail Cellar Sales, 398 Montague Rd.
West End Brisbane. Phone 44 7320.

This week's match v **HEIDELBERG UNITED** at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm



CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 910, Canberra City 2600

SECRETARY: Max Talbot (W) 48 8917 (A.H.) 88 5078.

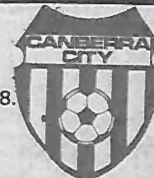
COACH: V. Fernandez

GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce

SPONSOR:

BRIAN POLLOCK Ford

This week's match v **WEST ADELAIDE** at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 3 pm



HEIDELBERG UNITED

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

SECRETARY: A. Loustas 419 2588.

COACH: M. Poulakakis

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melb. (03) 42 0642.

COLOURS: Black & Gold.

* GIRLS WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN MISS ALEXANDER QUEST SHOULD CONTACT THE SECRETARY

This week's match v **BRISBANE CITY** at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm



FOOTSCRAY

P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182

SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

COACH: B. McLachlan

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St, Melb (03) 42 0642

COLOURS: Blue White Red.

This week's match v **SYDNEY CITY** at Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm

SPONSOR:



NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289

SECRETARY: P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433

COACH: A. Vest

GROUND: International Sports Centre, Turton Rd., New Lambton. Ph (049) 52 1224

SPONSOR: Tooth & Co., Brewers of KB Beer

This week's match v **ADELAIDE CITY** at International Sports Center (Newcastle) Saturday 2.30 pm



MARCONI

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176

SECRETARY: L. Sartoretto (02) 604 5222.

COACH: L. Scheinflug.

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park.

This week's match v **ST GEORGE** at St George Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm



SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64, ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182

GENERAL SECRETARY: J. Karvess, Tel 534 5462

COACH: John Margaritis

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park

COLOURS: Blue & White

Girls who wish to enter Miss South Melbourne quest please contact N. Sagiakos 528 6196 (A.H.) P. Pallas 232 4577 (Bus), 233 2514 (A.H.).

This week's match v **BRISBANE LIONS** at Middle Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm



ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIA AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.

GENERAL MANAGER: L. Bordacs (02) 269 2745.

COACH: R. Blanco

GROUND: St George Stadium, Rockdale

COLOURS: White, Red & Green.

This week's match v **MARCONI** at St George Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.



WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001

SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 227 4311.

COACH: T. Forde.

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh.

This week's match v **CANBERRA CITY** at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 3 pm



SYDNEY OLYMPIC

BOX A181 SYDNEY SOUTH, N.S.W., 2000

SECRETARY: N Smilas (Bus) (02) 72 0661.

COACH: J. Xipolitis

GROUND: Pratton Park, Ashfield.

SPONSOR: **epatra**

This week's match v **A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT** at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm



A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT

38-42 FRAZER ST., LEICHHARDT 4040.

SECRETARY: H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688

COACH: R. Richards

GROUND: Wentworth Park, Glebe. Phone (02) 660 7431.

COLOURS: Burgundy & Sky Blue.

This week's match v **SYDNEY OLYMPIC** at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm



SYDNEY CITY

61 HALL ST., BONDI, NSW.

SECRETARY: H. K. Lakmaker (02) 30 3344

(Mornings).

663 4576 (Afternoons).

COACH: G. Chaldi.

GROUND: Wentworth Park Glebe, NSW Phone (02) 660 7431.

SPONSOR: **PRESTO SMALLGOODS** and City Ford.

This week's match v **FOOTSCRAY** at Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm

